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Dr. Plotkin To Speak At Israel Bond Event

Dr. Arie L. Plotkin, noted lecturer, expert on Middle Eastern affairs and former officer in the Israel Defense Forces, will be the guest speaker in behalf of the State of Israel Bond campaign at a luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 6, at the home of Mrs. Sidney Tuchman.

Born in Germany in 1921, Dr. Plotkin and his family emigrated to Palestine in 1935. He received his secondary education in Haifa. A recognized authority on international relations, international law and comparative government, Dr. Plotkin was educated at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the University of London. He was the first citizen of Israel to be admitted to Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, from which he obtained the degree of master in public affairs. He earned an additional M.S. degree and his Ph.D. from Princeton's Department of Politics, where he taught comparative government.

Currently in the United States in connection with a research project, Dr. Plotkin makes his permanent home in Haifa with his wife and four children. He recently returned from Vienna and Israel, where he met with Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union. He has made himself available to the Israel Bond drive for appearances throughout North America, bringing fresh and first-hand information on the changing Middle Eastern scene.

Dr. Plotkin has appeared on numerous radio and television programs throughout the United States and Canada, and is a regular commentator on the Voice of America broadcasts. He has made lecture tours sponsored by the Universities of Wisconsin and Minnesota. In the summer of 1969, he taught in an Honors Seminar on modern



DR. ARIEH PLOTKIN

Israel at the City University of New York.

Dr. Plotkin has a command of English, Hebrew, German and French, and a working knowledge of Arabic and Spanish. He has lectured extensively in all parts of the U.S. and Canada utilizing one or more of those languages.

The luncheon is in advance of the "All-Israel" Fashion Show that will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Broadmoor Country Club. Admission to the show is by bond purchase plus luncheon cost. The show will be coordinated and accessorized by Paul-Harris Stores.

Mrs. Mayme Tavel, distinguished Indianapolis artist is donating one of her paintings to be awarded to the woman who has made the largest number of individual bond sales as of Sept. 19.

This year's Israel Bond campaign is dedicated to the 25th Anniversary of Israel's independence.

Mrs. Robert T. Goldberg is Women's Division Chairman, Mrs. Herbert B. Melrose, co-chairman.

JCRC Invites New Committee Members

All persons committed to helping Soviet Jews or interpreting Israel to the general community are invited to join the Soviet Jewry or Middle East Committees of the Jewish Community Relations Council.

Issuing the invitations this week were the chairmen of the respective committees, Mark Hasten and Irwin J. Prince, who emphasized that membership on the JCRC board is not a prerequisite to committee participation.

Hasten, whose committee will

next meet on Sept. 6, said that it is seeking new and creative means for aiding Soviet Jews. He said that the Soviet Union has reduced emigration to Israel and that many Soviet Jews still languish under strict regimes in labor camps.

Prince noted that the job of the Middle East Committee has become more difficult as efforts to link the energy problem with American foreign policy accelerate.

Prospective members may call the JCRC at 637-2473.

Historical Society Seeks Information On Business

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is collecting material on businesses in Indiana which have been owned and operated by Jewish families for 100 or

more years. This announcement was made by Joseph Levine, executive secretary of the society which now has 225 paid members from all parts of

Indiana and archive material from 61 donors. The Indiana Jewish Historical Society was organized in September, 1972 to collect, preserve and publish material dealing with the almost 200 years of Jewish life in Indiana. Max Einsteadig of Terre Haute is the president of the society.

Levine reports that to date the oldest known business owned and operated by a Jewish family is that of Beitman and Wolf which was founded in Wabash in 1846. Harold Wolf is the present manager of this company and is providing material about the firm to the archives of the IJHS.

The firm of D. Marx and Sons will celebrate its 100th year of operation as a family owned business in Huntington, Ind., in 1974. It is managed by Milton Marx, a grandson of the founder.

Another firm now managed by the grandson of the founder is the Oppenheim Department Store in North Manchester, Ind. Founded in 1875, it is managed by J. Philip Oppenheim. The history of this firm, together with pictures and other related material, will become part of the archives of the IJHS.

Levine has issued an appeal to the readers of the Post and Opinion for the names and addresses of other Jewish-owned companies in Indiana which are 100 or more years old. His address is Room 303, 215 East Berry Street, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46802.

The Indiana Jewish Historical Society is also interested in obtaining old records and minutes of Jewish organizations in Indiana as well as material on Jewish individuals and-or families. While the society seeks to preserve original items, when this is not possible, the society asks for permission to make copies. Items can also be sealed for any number of years at the donor's request. The important point is that the material is preserved. Readers of the Post and Opinion are invited to join the society and to help collect material in their respective communities. For further information, write to Mr. Levine.

B'nai B'rith No. 58 To Install Officers

Indianapolis Lodge No. 58 B'nai B'rith has set Saturday, Sept. 8, as the date for its installation of new officers and board of directors. The installation will take place at the Flaming Hearth, in Nora, at 7 p.m.

New officers elected for the coming 1973-74 year are: President, Lawrence Greenwald; vice president, Jon Abels; recording secretary, David Gilman; financial secretary, Ben Ashkenaz; treasurer, Joel Epstein, and chaplain, Donald Siegel.

Elected as Directors of Lodge 58 for the 1973-74 term are: Nelson Behar, Alfred Brown, George Brummer, Allan Ferentz, Sanford Fleeter, Warren Gaden, Jim Gerstle, Elliott Levin, Ronald Popp, Gilbert Ratzman, David Samberg, Morris Tabak, Larry

Warshawsky and Mel Goldsmith.

Robert Gordon, regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, will be master of ceremonies and Gerald Kraft, past president of District Grand Lodge No. 2, will be the installing officer for the installation. Included in the evening's program will also be presentations of President Club plaques by Robert Solow, Past President of Lodge 58 and presently a member of the District Grand Lodge Board of Governors.

Following the installation will be a reception and cocktail party at the North Willow Farms Club House. The cost of the dinner, a choice of steak or fish, will be \$5 per person, and reservations may be made by calling Larry Greenwald, at 253-1704, or Donald Siegel, at 255-9430.

Hadassah Chapter Sets Its Opening Meeting

Mrs. Franklin Moosnick, Lexington, Ky., television personality and a member of the National Service Committee of Hadassah, will address the opening meeting of the Indianapolis Chapter of Hadassah Wednesday, Sept. 12, in the Domont Auditorium of the Jewish Education Association, 6711 Hoover Rd.

The 8 p.m. program will be followed by a 9 p.m. social hour. Members, husbands and friends of Hadassah are invited.

Mrs. Moosnick, who was born in Jeffersonville, Ind., but grew up in Lexington, has been a reporter for the Lexington Leader, specializing in education writing, and a public relations consultant for the Lexington city school system. She currently is women's program director of WLEX-TV in Lexington and hosts an interview show, "Bluegrass Personalities."

She received the Lexington



MRS. MOOSNICK

"Woman of the Year" award in 1968 and was the recipient

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Auxiliary To Meet

The United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation's Ladies Auxiliary will hold its regular meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 1 p.m. at the Synagogue, 5879 Central Ave. All members are urged to come.

Bess Myerson To Speak At All-Israel Fashion Show

Bess Myerson will be guest speaker at the Indianapolis Women's Division Israel Bond All-Israel Fashion Show and luncheon on Wednesday, Sept. 19, at Broadmoor Country Club. As a Hunter College graduate, Miss Myerson won national recognition for her great

beauty. In her career — whether as a concert pianist appearing with the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, as a game-player on television, or as a perceptive reporter-commentator she was always more person than personality. She is one of the founders of the League for Seriously Disturbed Children . . . She is a National Commissioner of the Anti-Defamation League . . . She was Greater New York Chairman of Bonds For Israel for 5 years — and continues as one of its most creative and active leaders . . . She served on the United States Mission to the United Nations, in association with Ambassador Goldberg . . . She has been and continues to be a champion of cultural opportunity programs, of the protection of citizen and consumer rights, of political and individual expression . . . She has been honored by leading universities in the academic community with Doctorates in Law, Humane Letters, and



BESS MYERSON

Public Service. She is a Fellow of the Postgraduate Center for Mental Health.

As Commissioner of Consumer Affairs of New York City, her concerned and creative leadership served the needs of the consumers of her city, and consumers everywhere.

The All-Israel Fashion show is an annual event and this year's show will be the largest ever. The show will be coordinated and accessorized by Paul Harris Stores.

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Fall-Winter Classes At Center Listed

An imposing array of fall-winter classes and workshops has been announced for the 1973 season by the Jewish Community Center 6701 Hoover Road.

Varying areas in handicrafts and home decor will be covered by classes in Interior Decoration, Flower-Power (artificial flower-making), Needlecraft, Craft Boutique, and Baubles-Bangles-and-Beads (jewelry-making). Guitar and piano lessons will be offered, in addition to Belly Dancing, International Dancing and Yoga. Classes are also scheduled in Chess, Bridge, Speed Reading, Sculpture and Art. A Theatre Workshop is set and a class in Playreading is on the agenda.

For further information as to schedules, dates and charges, contact the Jewish Community Center, 251-9467.

Registration is now open for all classes.

Birth Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Hasser, 4807 N. Hartman Drive, announce the birth of their first child, a son, born on August 23.

Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Josephine Hutto of Indianapolis.

Miss Gayle Rabkin Weds Mark Alexander Wolf

Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Rabkin of Columbus, Ohio, announce the marriage of their daughter, Gayle, to Mark Alexander Wolf, son of Dr. and Mrs. Daniel B. Wolf of Indianapolis, on Sunday, Aug. 19. The marriage vows were exchanged in Holcomb Gardens, of Butler University at 5:30 in the evening. Rabbi Murray Saltzman officiated. A buffet reception was held in the Holcomb Garden House following the ceremony. The couple exchanged their vows under a huppa held by the two fathers, the bride's brother and the groom's brother. The huppa was made by the bride, her attendants and the two mothers, and following the ceremony was given to The Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. The groom is the oldest great nephew of Mrs. Jack A. Goodman of Indianapolis. Matron of Honor was Mrs. David Hester of Bloomington. Best man was Michael Goldberg of Indianapolis. Bridesmaids were Miss Judy Wolf, sister of the groom, Indianapolis; Miss Teri Holdcraft, Bloomington; and Miss Ann Salinger of Cincinnati and Washington, D.C. Groomsmen were David Rabkin, brother of the bride, Carroll, Ohio; Steven J. Wolf, brother of the groom, Indianapolis; David Hester, Bloomington; and Dr. Ronald Bangasser of Chicago.

Out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffith, Charlestown, Ind.; Mrs. Ronald Bangasser, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ball, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Bagan, Jon Rudinger, Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. John Tindler, Prof. and Mrs. Tibor Kozma, Prof. and Mrs. Paul Matthen, Bloomington; Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Schwartz, St. Louis, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. E. Phillip Sayre, Bethesda, Md.; Dr. and Mrs. Eduard Ascher, and Miss Candice Ascher, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Morton Novick, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. and Mrs. G. Connor Williams, Louisville, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Irving Rudinger, Toledo, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rabkin, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. L. Cesta, Miss Cheri Cesta, Miss Debi Cesta, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Towe, Irving Rubin, Mr. and Mrs. George Cromis, Mr. and Mrs.

Chick Young, and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Schlonsky, all of Columbus, Ohio.

The bride received her bachelor degree in Recreational Therapy from Indiana University this past June. Mr. Wolf is a graduate of Northwestern University and is in his second year of Law School at Indiana University, Bloomington.

The couple met two years ago when Mr. Wolf was a tour leader on a United Jewish Appeal youth mission to Europe and Israel and both Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were campaign leaders for U.J.A. at Northwestern University and Indiana University respectively.

After a short wedding trip, they will reside in Bloomington.

B & P Hadassah Plans Cookout

Members of the Business and Professional Group of Hadassah are looking forward to the opening membership drive. This affair will take place in the home of Rose and Dorothy Tobias, 5010 N. Pennsylvania Street, Sept. 9 at 3:30 p.m.

The program chairman, Mrs. Al Samberg, and her co-chairman, Mrs. Morris Raff, are planning a garden cookout for the guests and members. Each member will be assessed \$2 for the cookout. Potential members will be guests. Members of the committee will prepare and serve the food.

A program will be presented by the program chairmen and the officers of the group which should arouse much interest in Hadassah. They will present a "Miss Hadassah Pageant" with Mrs. Sam Goldstein as hostess and Mrs. Al Samberg as commentator.

Invitations have been extended to all Jewish working women to partake in a social evening. This will also bring old friends together after a summer vacationing.

Miss Nancy Lichtenberg, president; Mrs. Robert Zaban, membership chairman, Mrs. Kiefer Lazarus, hospitality chairman and assisted by Mrs. Moe Kaufman, Miss Rose Tobias, Miss Lillian Landy, and Miss Rose Vigedner; Mrs. David Frankovitz, telephone chairman; and Mrs. Leo Gurvitz, invitations chairman, along with their committees, will join in welcoming the new members and guests.

Mrs. Schwartz Dies; Rites Held

Mrs. Miriam Schwartz, 86, died Tuesday, Aug. 21 in her home at 7001 Hoover Road. The widow of William Schwartz, she was born in Russia and lived here 61 years. She was a member of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Temple Sisterhood, White Cross Guild and City of Hope. Services were held at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, August 23, in Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, with burial in Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery South. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Oscar Alpert and Mrs. Gus Rosen, both of Indianapolis.

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Kissinger Appointment: Good Or Bad For The Jews

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Nomination of Henry Kissinger to be Secretary of State has met with universal approval in the Jewish community. No Jew has ever held this senior Cabinet position.

Dr. Kissinger did not evade the issue in his first press conference but tackled it head on. The issue is whether a Jew might not show partiality in the difficult Middle East situation as between Israel and the Arab nations.

"THE PRESIDENT has repeatedly stated," the White House adviser on national security said, "that the Middle East is an important area, and perhaps the most dangerous area, and I will pursue, under the President's direction, those policies which are considered necessary, and in the past that has sometimes meant a less than restrained profile."

Continuing, he got to the point more directly:

"I'm asked to conduct the foreign policy of the United States and I will conduct the foreign policy of the United States regardless of religious and national heritage. There is no other country in the world in which a man of my background could be even considered for an office such as the one which I have been nominated, and that imposes on me a very grave responsibility which I will pursue in the national interest."

OBSERVERS POINTED out that the nomination involves two other aspects of Kissinger's Jewishness.

One is the fact that there is a generalization, often not too accurate, that a non-Jew will tend to support a Jewish position more aggressively than a Jew, who might feel that his motives could be challenged based on his Jewishness. The same point is a consideration in the New York mayoralty election where

Abraham Beame is the front-runner and who if he wins the election will be the first mayor of a city where a large fraction of the population is Jewish.

A second consideration is the sometime veiled accusation against President Nixon that for the first time in years no Jew is serving on the Supreme Court. Although many Jews held top posts in the Nixon administration, and many still do despite several resignations recently, the charge continues to surface from time to time. Mr. Kissinger's appointment lays to rest this kind of criticism.

DR. KISSINGER will retain his post as Mr. Nixon's adviser on national security, which could create some difficulty with the new post to which he is being advanced, but most observers recognizing the dexterity and qualifications of Mr. Kissinger do not believe that this is an insurmountable condition.

The New York Times after questioning some Arab diplomats got an initial response which clearly was one of those "we could care less" answers, and which indicated that a reaction would be coming later which would not be as understanding. The Times quoted the diplomats in Cairo, as stating informally that "Egypt had little reason to hope for a change in what they describe as the Administration's all-out support for Israel as Mr. Kissinger's advice on the matter is believed here to have outweighed that of Secretary of State William P. Rogers for a long time."

LOCAL OBSERVERS wondered aloud if Mr. Nixon and Mr. Kissinger had not discussed the very point of Mr. Kissinger's Jewishness before making the decision on his elevation. The consensus was that the question was taken up, and the pro and con considerations openly talked out, with the decision that other matters outweighed the Arab opposition, whether expressed openly or not.

Soviets Blunder In Moscow Games

What has developed into the greatest recent blunder of the Communists in regards to their treatment of Jews and Israel is not being lost on a sports-minded world, which watched the unsportsmanlike treatment of the Israeli athletes in the world games here.

What started with an attempt merely to keep Russian Jews from watching the Israeli teams ended with the tearing up of an Israeli flag and a physical assault on 20 Russian Jews who were urging on the Israeli basketball squad.

THE JEERING of the Israeli teams as they marched in the opening parade was only a minor but unpleasant incident, even though the stands erupted as if on an arranged basis by whistling, a mark of disrespect and jeering as the Jewish athletes moved around the stadium in their appointed place in the march.

The fisticuffs broke out during the cage game between Israel and Puerto Rico, which the Israeli squad won 77 to 61. During the match Soviet soldiers in uniform ripped up an Israeli flag displayed by the Jewish fans. As the happy Russian Jews were leaving the stadium they were set upon by the Russian plainclothesmen and physically assaulted.

The Jewish world responded instantaneously as the world press published accounts of the fracas and the Russian inhospitality to the Israelis not to mention their display of unsportsmanlike behavior.

EVEN THE National Conference of Soviet Jewry, usually most restrained in its activities, jumped on the bandwagon and termed the "series of events"

a "blatant violation of the spirit of international sports . . ."

Other protests were from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, the American Jewish Congress and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations. The gist of their request was that Russia as the scene of the 1980 Olympics be reconsidered.

Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler expressed the revulsion of the Reform movement, and called the uniformed Russian troops who assaulted the Jewish spectators "storm troopers." The president-elect of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations asserted that "to have the Olympics, which presume to represent the ideal of sportsmanship and brotherhood in sports in this country (Russia), would be like asking the Watergate burglars to bring greetings to the Democratic National Convention."

PART OF the partisan anti-Israeli crowd at the tiny Central Army Club gym where the game was played shouted, "Zhidi, Zhidi," (Yid) at the Soviet Jews who had been holding the paper flag with the blue Star of David on it. The flag was about a meter long. The soldiers also destroyed a banner reading "Success to Israel" in Hebrew.

Throughout the game, soldiers in blue sweatsuits who made up a quarter of the crowd jeered and whistled derisively at the Israeli athletes.

The soldiers in sweatsuits filled the bottom row of the four-tier bleachers. They were there ostensibly as monitors for crowd control.

It was the third straight game in which Russian soldiers were

used to harass and jeer the Israeli basketball players. The first incident was when Israel played Cuba. It was repeated in the game against Brazil.

WHEN the game with Puerto Rico ended in the Israeli victory, the Jewish spectators were prevented from speaking to the players and were ushered quickly from the hall and into the arms of the waiting security men.

Two women were almost knocked to the ground, a man had his arm twisted and his spectacles broken and three people, including two teenagers, were detained at a police station.

Members of the Jewish group said the two children were 14-year-old Marina Polski and 16-year-old Alexander Yoffe.

In view of the harassment of the Israeli team, Adin Talbar, Israeli delegation official,

protested to the International University Sports Federation (FISU) and asked that it delegate an official "to observe that no organized harassment of any kind be allowed."

DESPITE a published promise by Dr. Primo Nebiolo, of Italy, president of the International University Sports Federation (FISU) to send observers to the games Israel would play following the first game at which the Russians booed Israel and tried to prevent Russian Jews from gaining admittance to the gymnasium, he failed to do so. He told newsmen he would have "no comment" on the harassment.

"No one from FISU attended the match or contacted us afterwards and we want to see whether they will come and talk to us. But we're not going to run after anyone. As things

stand there is no question of our going home," Talbar said. "This sort of thing will never stop us from competing in international sport. Anyway, how would the Jews here feel if we went home? They are heroes for the way they stand up to the regime," he added.

THE DETAINING of the three Jews followed the 15-day prison sentence imposed on a 29-year-old Jewish engineer for "petty hooliganism" after Israel's match against Cuba.

One French basketball player, whose team was to play England following the Israel-Puerto Rico game, commented, "It made me want to vomit."

A member of the Danish women's team who came with several teammates to watch the game said, "This is terrible." Indicating the jeering soldiers in sweatclothes, she said, "They're so awful."

Kaplan, Wine Sign Manifesto: Prayer-Hearing God Outmoded

NEW YORK — Only two rabbis — Mordecai M. Kaplan and Sherwin Wine — have signed the new Humanist Manifesto, which negates the idea of a personal god while espousing liberal causes.

The new Manifesto, which supersedes a 1933 document, affirms birth control, abortion, divorce, sexual freedom, euthanasia and privacy. It also declares:

"AS IN 1933, the humanists still believe that traditional

theism, especially faith in the prayer-hearing God, assumed to love and care for persons, to hear and understand their prayers and to be able to do something about them, is an unproved and outmoded faith."

Continuing on the same theme, the Manifesto asserted that "Salvationism, based on mere affirmation, still appears as harmful, diverting people with false hopes of heaven hereafter. Reasonable minds look to other means for survival."

THERE WERE only a few other Jewish names appended to the Manifesto, which was drafted by Dr. Paul H. Kurtz, editor of The Humanist. The big majority of the signers were leaders of humanist and associated groups, such as The Ethical Culture Society. Rabbi Kaplan is delineated as founder of The Reconstructionist Movement, and Rabbi Wine, of Birmingham, Mich., as from the Society For Humanistic Judaism.

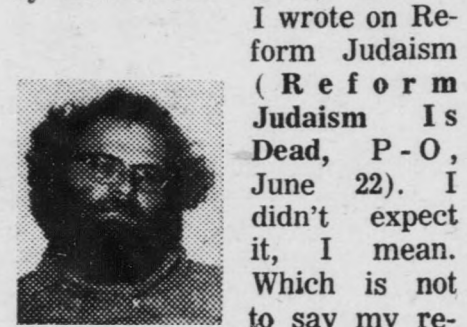
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I was a little taken aback by the reaction to the column



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negative. No, in fact, the opposite is true.

You see, when I was first asked to write this column (how long ago was it, Gabe? Two and a half years?) I hesitated. Mainly because I wondered if people would read it. I wasn't sure if what I had to say was all that important, or, if it was, if people cared.

I VERY RARELY read editorial columns. Maybe Art Buchwald once in a while. Nicholas Von Hoffman in the Washington Post. That's about it. I'm really not all that interested. If I want to hear opinions, I can talk with my friends. Or, with myself. I've got plenty of opinions. Who needs to read other peoples' opinions in the papers?

But I agreed. And I wrote. And, I continue to write. And, I suspect I'll continue to write for a while longer, yet.

But it's a fairly thankless task. I mean, look, having a column labeled "The Radical Jewish Perspective" gives me more tsores than you can imagine. I have to live up to all sorts of standards. I've got to be radical. I've got to have some sort of perspective. Well, sometimes I don't feel very radical. Sometimes I don't know what radical means.

AND THEN there's perspective. Perspective implies clarity, vision, relativity, etc. And then there's the Jewish part of the label. And worse, the label infers that I represent the way many "radical Jews" feel. Look, I'm presented as an awfully self-presumptive person aren't I? And it's awfully hard to live up to all those expectations.

My main attempt here in these columns is to hopefully provide the reader with a perspective that he might not have heard before. (Sometimes, that's hard). My secondary attempt is to provide access to the thoughts, literature, tools, whatever, offered by groups they've not come in contact with before. And to present it all in a fairly readable format.

That's about it.

But, enough of all this defensiveness.

WHAT I REALLY want to say is that it's hard to present ideas and expect anything much to happen. Academicians publish libraries full of theses, studies, papers and usually they end up rotting on bookshelves. No use to anyone in particular. The federal government commissions millions of dollars worth of studies. And they then make microfilms of those studies. But few of them benefit anyone. And of course, we, as Jews, know that if you want something to be killed, you recommend that that particular question be "studied."

And so, what can I put in

writing that will evoke response?

What can I offer that will make people stop and think?

Well, I suppose I can be "responsible" and offer both sides. Or, I can quote statistics. But I'm afraid I wouldn't get very far. Instead, I chose the "klop" technique.

THERE'S AN OLD yiddish story (I'm sure you've all heard it). It's about the merchant from town who goes out to the farmer to buy a mule. The farmer sells the merchant a mule which he claims will obey him. When he asks it to go left, it will respond. When he wants it to go right, all he has to do is ask the animal and it will obey. So the merchant takes the mule to town and notices that when he asks it to go left it continues on its way. And when he asks it to go right, it goes straight ahead. The merchant drags the mule back to the farmer and demands his money. The farmer mounts the wagon and then gives the animal a "klop" on the left side and says "Go left!" and the animal responds. The same way with the right side. Then he turns to the merchant and says, "There's nothing wrong with this animal. It's just that first you have to get its attention. Then it'll respond."

Well, I've thought and thought and thought about that story for many years. First accepting and then rejecting its lesson. Well, right now, I accept the "klop" method of writing columns. If anyone out there has any better suggestions, put it in writing and send it to me. I'll study it carefully. (No, seriously, I'll listen.)

And now, regarding the "Reform" column.

LOOK, I REALLY didn't mean to insult anyone personally. I didn't think whatever I said was particularly original. I just thought I was stating what was reality to this columnist. I've got just as many nasty things to say about the Orthodox and Conservative Jews in this country. It's just that, well to be truthful, that the Reform Jews are so vulnerable.

Just look at the reactions! You'll see what I mean. Ed Cohen, probably one of the best-paid Reform Jewish executives on the East Coast (and a fine liberal columnist) informs us that "Reform up-dated is the best hope for the survival of Judaism . . . throughout the world." Rabbi Karl Weiner of Skokie, after some cutesy-shrewdsy remark about The P-O giving the opportunity to cut my "journalistic teeth," tries to correct me on the Bund and then cites as his authority a Zionist encyclopedia. Rabbi Tabachnikoff of Miami urges disbelievers to come themselves and see the size "... of our loyal, JEWISH congregation." And Rabbi John Rosenblatt, a Chaplain in San Francisco, tells me I failed to present a totally fair picture and that I "... weaken Jewish life another notch..." by my criticisms.

I GUESS I FEEL their own letters justify some of the points I made in the column. Of course there's some truth in what I say if you all raise your voices loud and angrily as you do! Now, I know you're all paid

to preserve the image of the healthfulness of Reform Jewry, but level with us all for a second. Do you really think Reform Judaism has any "soul?" That the rational, impersonal, modern, assimilationist, wealthy mentality that is the ESSENCE of the Reform movement leaves any hope for Jewish survival? And even if your guest lecture programs sometimes bring out anything near five per cent of your congregation some Friday night, (and I believe they very seldom do) is that indicative of anything at all (except the cleverness of your program director).

Of course I'm being a bit unfair! And if I've made a few of you angry because I've printed some "gut" reactions, I'm sorry (but that was my intent). Of course, the Reform movement isn't all bad. Their contributions of stressing humanism, science, mission, and the prophetic heritage has been extremely important to Jewish survival.

BUT SURELY you must all recognize the absolute weakness of your movement when you refuse to concede that there's something wrong. That the problems which plague the entire Jewish community . . . assimilation, the lack of vitality, spirituality, love, kindness, emotion and in fact, the lack of "community" in the Jewish community isn't a major problem in your particular movement. The fact that none of you dare make even this concession verifies the point of my original column. And that is that you (Reform Jewry) lack the ability to discern that something is wrong.

Your vanity defines the inability of your movement to survive. The lack of self-criticism, the failure of your movement to provide an analysis of itself tells me that something is fatally wrong. Reform Jewry, your conceit, self-esteem, humorlessness, complacency, smugness, immodesty and pride, defines your death. Reform Jewry is already dead. Period. (But if you want another opinion, go ask your local Reform executive or rabbi.)

So Says Lubavitch Spokesman

Pornography Moral Threat

NEW YORK — Getting mugged or molested is a serious danger, but a greater threat is the moral assault by a lurid peep show window or the marquee of a theatre showing X-films or a paperback book with an offensive cover.

THIS STATEMENT came from Rabbi Jacob J. Hecht, whose position on anything that smacks of the slightest variation from strictest Puritanism is always predictable.

The executive vice president of the National Committee for Furtherance of Jewish Education, an arm of the Lubavitch movement and one that is most outspoken, questioned the rationalization that

"thinking about illicit sex is a lot different than becoming involved about it."

HE SAID that "once we allow our eyes to light on such pornography, we are setting a physiological mechanism in motion . . . Even if nothing is done next, the damage is done. Because the filth has become part of our brain, and there it collects like garbage, keeping out the pure thoughts."

What is Rabbi Hecht's prescription for fighting the evil? He calls for support of organizations spearheading the fight against pornography, protesting every time a pornographic film comes to our neighborhood theatres, not buying books with lurid covers

and continually on the alert to prevent pornography from gaining a foothold in areas where it still is absent.

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THE COUNCIL FOR HIGHER EDUCATION in Israel has received 34 applications asking for recognition of new universities in Israel! In the past year only one application has been approved, that from the Bezalel Art Academy in Jerusalem.

LABOR PARTY LEADERS in Jerusalem, seeking a public post for Yitzhak Rabin, have considered naming him Chairman of the Jewish Agency in place of the late Louis Pincus. Certain New York Jewish leaders have expressed their vehement opposition. Rabin's own friends in Israel insist that he must be given a place in the Government Cabinet, as originally promised him.

RELIGIOUS CIRCLES IN ISRAEL are disturbed over production of a textbook on "Early Christianity," to be used in the country's high schools. They have offered to buy up the complete stock of the book from its publisher, the Ministry of Education, so as to prevent its distribution to the schools.

The Jewish (?) Community Center

By NATHAN GOLDMAN

A JCC is like a Goldberg
Who converts
But neglects to change his name.
Everyone knows that he
Used to be Jewish.

The JCC director may argue that
Culturally, close ties are
Maintained with Jewish heritage.
Well . . . yes, I guess that basketball
Is a traditionally Jewish sport.
And Mark Spitz has given
Swimming a Jewish splash.
But bridge, basketweaving and
Zen Buddhism are somewhat
Harder to explain.

Given a substantial Gentile membership,
Why not re-name them
Jewish-Christian or Christian-Jewish
Community Centers — or, at least,
Interfaith Community Centers?
Then we can put some of our money
And efforts back into real
Jewish expression and experience.

The present name (JCC) exemplifies
The intellectual dishonesty
Of which we rightly accuse
The Jews(?) for Jesus Movement.

Even after he got himself kicked
Out of heaven, the devil,
At least, had the integrity
To change his
From Satan (a nice Yiddishe name)
To Lucifer.

First Reporter's Visit To Gay Synagogue

By JEAN HERSCHAFT

NEW YORK (P-O) — On Friday evening, Aug. 17, more than one hundred Gay people had come to services at the Gay Synagogue located in the Parish Hall of the Church of the Holy Disciple on 9th Avenue and 28th Street on the West Side.

This was the Shabbat my husband and I attended services. We were welcomed just as we entered the gate of the structure, as we had contacted one of its leaders, prior to coming this evening. He introduced us to Victor and Ralph who co-conduct services, both young men with strong Jewish religious training who also were university graduates.

THEY LED US into a large room. It was just 8:30, the room already was filled and at 8:30 services were promptly started.

The guests were seated in two opposite semi-circles of seats, flanking a lectern that was modestly covered with a white plastic tablecloth which bore simple chrome candle holders with two large candles for Shabbat. Nearby was a covered Challah dish with the traditional twisted loaf, covered by a satin-fringed cloth. Two metal kiddush cups filled with wine were the only other symbols of the Sabbath or of a sanctuary.

Pale blue satin yarmulkes were perched atop the heads of most male worshippers, while a few heads bore more personal skullcaps of embroidered velvet in black or blue, on males whose choice of Sabbath dress ran the gamut from immaculate business suits on men, who appeared to be professionals or executives, to blue jeans, overalls, print shirted youths, who looked the student and the tradesman. The only two females, members of the Gay Synagogue, wore denim jeans, long sleeved solid blouses with the house yarmulke as head covering.

VICTOR AND RALPH with personalized yarmulkes bearing silver passementerie on black velvet were jacketless, tieless, in short sleeve informal attire as they co-conducted a service from the Reform Union Prayer Book — xeroxed pages in a plastic binder. David, a youth in his late 20's to be graduated as a chazan next year and who serves as chazan to the synagogue held the only regular text.

But for what material items it lacked, it compensated in the recitations, incantations and Sabbath songs that shuttled between reverence to released spirited fervor that was at once contagious. For while it followed modified Reform in framework, it was more Chassidic in execution. A successful liberty was taken in plugging in a record player which blared forth a Hora type melody. Members were encouraged to get-up and link arms weaving in and about the seats to the Hora tempo. About one-fourth of the membership participated, but its joyous effect was unanimous.

The services started with a reading of Bailik's, "The Sabbath Queen." It concluded with the Yizkor with all the worshippers called upon to recite it in unison. One youth, whose grandmother died, openly wept during this prayer.

THE SERMON WAS delivered this week by Ralph, aged 30, a social worker who formerly was an instructor in an Orthodox Rabbinical High School. He chose the theme from the front page headlines: the 27 homosexual murders in Texas, a topic someone less secure may not have tackled.

Ralph said that there was murder in most men's hearts but that belief in G-d, negated that evil. At the same time, he said that the permissive times we live in with "everyone doing their thing," regardless of consequences was reaping tragedy. Murder could not be undertaken, he insisted, by those who believe and love their G-d.

A collection plate passed to the membership following services netted about \$60.

The worshippers ranged in age from early 20's to the middle 60's. A number of the group, perhaps a dozen or less, were non-Jews, we learned. They were in all cases, close personal friends to some of the members. Some of their denominations were Catholic, Baptist and Protestant. There was one Black youth

and several Puerto Rican older men (mid-30's). All wore the traditional skullcap and participated in most of the service. They are not members but come as guests, several told this writer.

THE TWO LESBIANS are thus far the only females in the group. Both are in their early 20's: one, a law student at New York University; the other, a salesgirl at MacDonalds, the national hamburger eatery. Alice, the law student is a member of the leadership and expects to draw more lesbians into the group.

Later, following the Oneg Shabbat where food from Kosher Meal Mart was served in addition to the traditional wine, labeled from Israel, and the large Challah was sliced to small wedges that all could taste, a round of Chassidic dancing, punctuated by Sabbath Songs took over. Then all were asked to adjourn into the outer courtyard where seats were assembled under the stars for a session of questions and answers on Judaism.

First question broached the sermon: "If G-d is good why does he permit murder?" asked by a youth in his 20's.

WHILE ADMITTING it was a philosophical question, nevertheless Ralph did not hedge.

"God gives choice to his people. The people must make the choice."

Similar questions followed, as the membership endeavored to understand as they explored Judaism — to some, perhaps for the first time.

The most pertinent query put concerned the Bible and "Love for the Stranger," the portion of the week that was read this week.

"If Judaism teaches to 'Love the Stranger' why are Jewish Gay people not even considered as a stranger to the Jewish community?" a middle-aged man asked earnestly.

Ralph's response: "The Jewish Community is still learning. It takes time."

Another Reason Not To Intermarry

LONDON — Jews from Eastern Europe can boast the best teeth and the least decay, according to a professor at a London dental school.

Prof. Jack Tulley of Guys Hospital, also touched upon another Jewish sensitive point but not as a direct consideration. He said intermarriage is likely to lead to an increase in dental problems.

Speaking at the opening session of the International Congress of Orthodontists, of which he is president, Prof. Tulley asserted that it was now realized that malocclusion — badly aligned teeth — was mainly of genetic origin rather than the result of environmental factors. When a big-jawed man married a woman with small teeth, the offspring could expect dental troubles, he said.

Ethnic Studies Decline While Judaica Blossoms

TORONTO — While Afro-American, Asian-American and American Indian studies at American colleges are dying out, departments of Judaic studies are burgeoning to an almost remarkable degree.

THIS WAS the view expressed at the meeting of the Board of governors of the B'nai B'rith here by Dr. Alfred Jospe, national director of the Hillel Foundations.

No more. In less than a decade, Jewish studies have proliferated in the curriculums of American colleges, a survey made by the B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundations shows. For the

upcoming semester, at least one credit course in Judaica is available at 350 colleges, exclusive of seminaries or divinity schools.

One-third of the schools offer five or more such courses. In addition, the survey disclosed, more than 40 colleges offer Jewish studies as a major leading to a degree, and 25 include it in their graduate programs.

THE TREND, which began slowly in the post-World War II rush of service men returning to college, accelerated after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, the survey showed.

Teen Seen

Tourist Detraction

By ANICIA LANE

A week's vacation. My black or Jewish. Let's see friend, Sandra, JoAnne and

her son Danny, and me traveling from Atlanta to Louisville.

Near Chattanooga we pass "See Ruby Falls"

Painted on barns and billboards.

"We're in no hurry," JoAnne says. "Let's stop for a couple of hours and see Ruby Falls."

RUBY FALLS is a businessman's paradise; tourists abound in droves and cheap souvenirs seep from every plywood rafter. We were herded through a long winding line to the pay desk. (It's \$2 for adults. Children under six were mercifully free.) I started getting really freaked-out while we were waiting in line to ride the elevator down the cave where Ruby Falls is. I began to fantasize the scene as Nazi Germany. The stoic guards and ticket-takers emerged as members of the Gestapo. The people in the line were very white. Very Anglo-Saxon and Protestant. I looked deep into the crowd and found two black families. It didn't make we feel better. I ribbed JoAnne and told her my fantasy.

"We're waiting to ride the elevator to the Ovens," I said. "Ruby Falls is merely a diversion so the rest of you won't get suspicious."

"Aw, come off it. What a morbid thought," she said.

"YEAH, WELL, you're not

black or Jewish. Let's see who comes back up the elevator."

White middle-class families with unsmiling faces stepped out.

"Must've been their tenth tourist attraction," JoAnne said as we inched closer to the elevator. We watched them leave through the only exit which ran (oddly enough) right into the Souvenir Shop.

The crowded elevator brought us down several thousand feet inside the cave. We were filed through single file, about 25 to a group. The whole while we were going through, other groups were heading back. Smiling faces were rare. Some groups had a real live guide. Ours was "canned."

A voice from a speaker system came on and recited the whole story of Ruby Falls. It even told us when to look. Where to look. What to think about when we looked where it said to look. And just in case we ignored the voice of Big Brother, there were signs hanging from chains over every stalactite and stalagmite formation. The signs told us (just in case we couldn't think for ourselves) what the formations look like.

TITLES FOR stalagmites I can do without. They weren't even good titles. "Steak and Potatoes" read one sign over a lumpy formation. JoAnne's son Danny looked at one that read "Elephant's Foot" and said it looked like a tree stump to him. Danny can't read yet and we didn't bother to "correct" him. (Remember The Emperor's New Clothes?)

It was as if everything was cued for us; spoon-fed and pre-chewed for our enjoyment. And I could've done without the psychedelic spotlights of green, blue, and red on every stalactite formation. As we neared the falls, Cecil B. DeMille type music played over the loudspeaker. Lights around the falls flashed on and off. I was waiting for a cue card to say "Applause." People milled around the pool that Ruby Falls drops into. At the count of ten, they began to disperse and go back.

I WAS FEELING ripped-off enough. I came to see Ruby Falls. And, by golly, I was going to touch it, too! The others started following me as I wandered around the back of the falls and put out my hand to catch some water.

The elevator guy on the way back up kept cracking sick jokes. The crowd wasn't laughing. He hit the truth we had all felt but did not dare express.

"The life you save," he said as we stepped off, "might be a potential customer so drive carefully!" My Nazi fantasy had subsided. A dulled feeling took its place.

The four of us sat on a stone wall outside the entrance eating JoAnne's homemade cookies and drinking cold milk from the thermos. An attendant was busily attaching Ruby Falls bumperstickers to cars. We walked to the car, took off the sticker, and drove out of Ruby Falls never to return.

P.S. To my "older sister" in Spokane, Wash., thank you for the lovely letter. A Feminist reply to Helen Cohen is in the making. We shall overcome...



Anicia

INTERPRETING HALACHAH

Reader Doubts Right Of Women On Aliyot

Editor, Post and Opinion:

I am writing concerning Rabbi Blumenthal's article entitled "Aliyot for Women — Always

Permissible." Because I am very concerned with the issue of the woman's role in Judaism, I took a great interest in Rabbi Blumenthal's article.

He said "the classic permission to call women (to the Torah) is found in the Talmud (Megilla 23a) and in the Tosefta (Megilla 3)." After reading that, I was faced with a great question. If such a basic source as the Talmud sanctioned aliyot for women, why wasn't it practiced all these years? So I decided to check the source.

The Talmud says in Megilla 23a, "All may be counted among

the seven (aliyot on Sabbath), even a child or a woman. But the wise men said that women should not read in the Torah because of the honor of the congregation." So, according to the Talmud in Megilla, women may technically be called to the Torah, but are not allowed to for a different reason — the honor of the congregation (kevod hatzibur). What the phrase "the honor of the congregation" means is another topic of discussion.

What is important now, though, is that Rabbi Blumenthal conveniently chose to quote the first part of the Talmud's statement, that which agreed with his view, while totally ignoring the second half. So Rabbi Blumenthal's "classic source" is really no source at all.

If people are to act intelligently in such an important matter as Jewish law, it is essential that they know the whole story. A reader cannot make a proper decision when the sources in the article he reads are quoted only in part and their true meaning thereby distorted.

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By RABBI A. BLUMENTHAL

In 1954-55 the Committee on Jewish Law and Standards of

the Rabbinical Assembly had before it two papers on aliyot for women. I wrote the original paper which consists of 14 printed pages, and it provoked an alternative proposal by the late Rabbi Sanders Tofield. I suggested that women be accorded aliyot equally with men. Rabbi Tofield advocated limiting the privilege to special occasions. Sixteen members of the CJLS voted on the papers: 10 for the Tofield decision, five for the Blumenthal opinion and one was totally opposed. Both papers were read at the annual convention and printed in the RA Proceedings for 1955.

I am sending Mr. Fruchter a complimentary reprint of my paper and I shall be happy to have him respond again. Other copies are available at the United Synagogue Book Store in New York City.

There are two classic texts about aliyot for women. (1) "All may ascend for the seven aliyot, even a minor or a woman. However the sages have said that a woman may not read in public because of the honor of the congregation" (Meg. 23a); (2) "All may ascend for the seven aliyot, even a minor or a woman. One may not bring a woman (from outside) to read in public" (Tosefta).

It is important to note that in both texts the permission is granted. It would have been simple for the Talmud and the Tosefta to have said "A woman

may not read the Torah." That would have been clear beyond debate. But neither text does that. Each allows the aliyot for a woman and then adds a proviso.

Besides, what does "reading in public" have to do with an aliyah?

It all goes back to the time when every person granted an aliyah was expected to read his own portion. Women were accorded the honor equally with men. In the course of time the skill of reading from the Torah began to disappear. To avoid embarrassment a qualified reader was designated to read for everybody. In Babylonia (Meg 23a) a woman was not permitted to serve as such a reader because it seemed to indicate that none of the men present could read.

The Tosefta reflects the practice in Palestine. There, too, a woman could have an aliyah, but if there was no one present in the synagogue to read the Torah and one had to go outside to find someone, it could not be a woman. That would embarrass the men in the synagogue.

The post-Talmudic authorities took the permission seriously and discussed it extensively.

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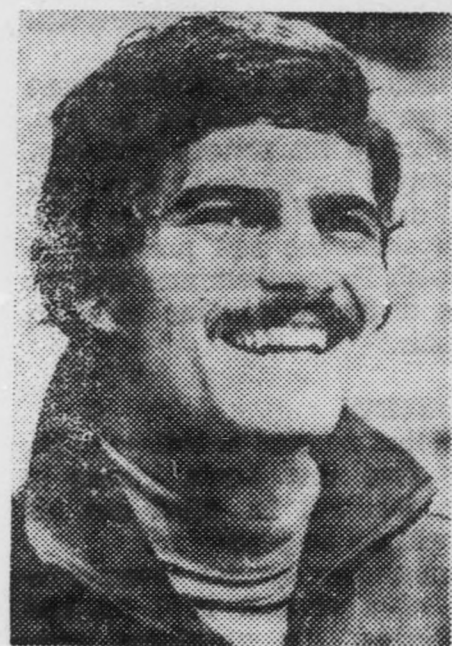
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NAMES IN THE NEWS

\$5 Million In Spitz' Bag

Mark Spitz is charitable with his new-found wealth and has donated the Mark Spitz Swim Center at Cedars of Lebanon



Mark Spitz

sinai Medical Center, his agent pointed out. Norman Brokaw says there is no difference between handling the seven-gold medal winner and the late Marilyn Monroe. He told Tom Callahan in a phone interview recently that a \$5 million estimate of Spitz' contracts for endorsements to date was in the ball park. Brokaw said that he turned down an offer of a brewery of \$10,000-a-day, 10 days a year for Mark to endorse beer but they didn't think it right for an Olympic star to endorse the foamy beverage. The agent explained each of Spitz' seven contracts, one for each gold medal. Brokaw at 46 has been with the William Morris Agency 30 years and has taken 10 per cent for his employer from such greats as Marilyn Monroe, Loretta Young and Danny Thomas. He says movies are in Mark's future. Mark now gets \$7,500 a TV show from shows like Sonny and Cher and Bill Cosby but got \$10,000 from the Bob Hope show because that was his first on television. Mark gives one thing for free — interviews with folks like Time and Tom Callahan.

Scholars In Short Supply

President Abraham I. Katsh of Dropsie University repeated his call for Jewish defense agencies in the United States "to declare a one-year moratorium on their war on anti-Semitism and devote more energy and money to Jewish education" in an interview with Moshe Kohn in The Jerusalem Post. He said that the anti-Semites will still be there a year later. The former New York University professor, who headed the first chair of Judaism, said that "Christians today want to hear about Judaism from Jews," explaining that there is a terrific demand for Jewish scholars to head Jewish programs in universities, which now reach 17,000 students. "We simply do not have enough Jewish scholars," he asserted.



Katsh

Maurice Samuel And Mark Van Doren

Two of the great minds of the twentieth century have come together to illuminate and elucidate the wisdom of the ages. The result is "In the Beginning, Love" by Mark Van Doren and Maurice Samuel — a collection of sage and subtle commentaries on the Bible published by John Day. When the noted biblical scholar Maurice Samuel first met the equally respected man of letters Mark Van Doren, he said, "I could talk with this man forever." And talk they did, for the next two decades. Learned and quick-witted, these two men explored every aspect of the Old Testament in the weekly radio program. What issued from their talks was far more than a purely intellectual dialogue, the ideas flew quickly, the arguments ranged freely, and there emerged a brilliant discourse that brought the Bible to life. Now in a labor of love, Edith Samuel, wife of the late Maurice Samuel, has brought together the best of these impassioned exchanges in a volume that represents the flowering of two great minds and a single great friendship.



Maurice Samuel

Canadian Invasion

While for the most part American corporations have been invading the Canadian market, it remains for Coles Books Stores, Ltd., to go after the U.S. market for books. Carl Cole, board chairman, and Jack Cole, president, now own and operate 55 book stores throughout Canada, and will launch 20 more this year, half of them in the United States. The company, noted for its aggressive and imaginative sales policies, recently went on the Canadian stock exchange.

What's New In Israel Dance?

What's new in the Israel classical dance world? The recent performance by Dalia Low in Spanish dances served to draw attention to the fact that despite the heavy Sephardic percentage of the population, Spanish dance seems to have been neglected, although Miss Low is a sixth-generation Sabra. Another new name is Fanny Bernadsky, recent arrival from Argentina, who made her Israel debut recently in Haifa. She devises her own ballets, and the style, based on Russian techniques, is

called "body-language." She was a director of a ballet school in Buenos Aires. Expected here in September is Ann Sokolow, to direct two ballets for the Batsheva Company, while Anne Wilson, of New York, gave a course on classical dance at the Rubin Academy Dance Department in Jerusalem, bringing with her many gifts to the Dance Library in Israel, which she launched. A last note: Israel Gabriel, the Philippine dancer who has been assistant to the artistic director of the Bat-Dor Company, will teach at the Harkness Company and the American Ballet Theatre, and several other American and European countries on a year's leave of absence.

First 33 Popes Jewish

Still a peppery, incorrigible outspoken individual at 82, Father Charles Coughlin, whose pro-Nazi sympathies when he commanded one of the largest radio audiences in U.S. history were well known, not only denied being pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic, but also expounded some facts about the Popes which will come as news not only to Catholics and Jews, but probably also to scholars. He told Nancy Manser, of the Detroit News, according to The Detroit Jewish News, that "Christ and the Apostles were Jews, and the first 33 popes were Jews. Among the last 10 popes we've had, three were predominantly Jewish." He did not explain. The religion editor of the Detroit Daily interviewed Fr. Coughlin on the occasion of his biography which he found inaccurate written by Fordham University professor Sheldon Marcus. "It put me next door to a homosexual and a thief," he complained. As a result he and his friends have engaged Father Clinton to compile and write the priests's recollections.



Father Coughlin

Who Watches The Officials?

A factor in Canadian football is 74-year-old Myer Insky, whose job it is to record the decisions of the five officials at the games and report them to the Canadian Football League's commissioner in Toronto. Insky is the oldest sports dealer in Montreal whose establishment is a fixture for the city's sports activities and followers. As a member of the CFL's rules committee, Insky has had to consider the possibility of changing Canadian football, which fields 12-member teams on a larger field, to conform to the American game. Among his negative reasons is fear that America's football factory techniques coming into Canada might corrupt what is still considered a game of relative pristine purity.

With The Rabbis,

Rabbi David Powell, Temple Israel, Ottawa, has been elected to the pulpit of Temple Sinai, Burlington, Vt. . . . Rabbi James Kaufman has been elected assistant rabbi of Temple Beth Hillel, North Hollywood, Calif. . . . Rabbi Stanley Kroll is the new director of the Hillel Foundation at the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. . . . Temple Sinai, Lake Charles, La. elected Rabbi Steven Peskind to its pulpit . . . Chosen assistant rabbi of Temple Sinai, New Orleans was Rabbi Gerald Kane.

Sermon Of The Week

Grades, Dates And Beer — Rabbi Hyman Judah Schachtel, Congregation Beth Israel, Houston, Tex.

Quotation Of The Week

It was a bad week. College entry reports, weddings and Bar Mitzvahs are no longer simchas in Long Beach. They are literally tragedies. How can I get so cynical? Very simply. In 99 per cent of these events, you can look for a reduction in the gift to the United Jewish Welfare Fund from those families who are enjoying these events. You are indeed fortunate when it's "the same as last year." "Gott zol ophitn" if there's some economic problem, "my stocks are down," "business is off," "an investment turned sour," "I made a trip to Israel this year." It sometimes appears that the "in thing" in Long Beach is to give as little as possible or not at all. The thought occurred to me that Hitler might have gone down in history as a great man, the "final solution" to the Jewish question might have been to ship all the Jews to Long Beach. In two or three generations at the most there would be no Jews. A Long Beach Health Practitioner, active in his congregation, said that the need for improved quantity and quality Jewish education in this community was a must. "I fully support an integrated Jewish educational program." His gift in 1973, \$500, "same as last year," and the year before, and the year before, etc. A businessman said that the top priority was reaching out to the aged, Jewish poor in Long Beach. His gift in 1973, \$500, "same as last year." A health practitioner, active in his Jewish professional society, greatly concerned with Israel, has no history of giving in this community. His 1973 gift, Zero. "I give in my own way." — Sol Frankel, Executive Director of the Long Beach (Calif.) Jewish Federation.

SUBWAYS

Bad For Men

NEW YORK —Protection against the immodest attire of women on the subway was the reason for a notice posted in the Hassidic section of Brooklyn calling on the men not to ride the subways during rush hours and preferably to ride buses instead.

The notices were posted in the Williamsburg and Boro Park sections of Brooklyn, and two special buses now transport many Hassidim to their work in Manhattan.

Obituary

Edwin J. Lukas

SAN FRANCISCO — Edwin J. Lukas, who played an important role in the development of the liberal program of the American Jewish Committee, died here at the age of 71. He was general counsel and director of the civil rights and social action department of the Committee.

Western Olim Still Declining

JERUSALEM — Lack of housing, mainly rental apartments, was blamed here for the decline of about 12 per cent in immigration from the west as compared with last year, and a steeper drop from a few years previous when the figure stood at 10,000 a year. For the first six months of 1973, 2,589 newcomers have reached Israel from western nations as compared to 6,034 in all of 1972.

Steps to provide rental housing are being taken, Uzi Narkiss, director of the Immigration Department said.

Paper Shortage Also In Israel

TEL AVIV — The worldwide newsprint shortage is being felt here, and a three-man delegation of the Daily Newspapers Association has been dispatched to Europe to seek additional sources of supplies. Several firms have cancelled contracts, and although current reserves are sufficient through 1973, some papers already are cutting down on the number of pages.

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Will Dultzin Be Dumped?

A crucial question will be determined within a relatively few months when the succession to the post of chairman of the Jewish Agency is decided. Leon Dultzin, considered by far the most able of those who so far have been mentioned, is pro-tem chairman, following the death of Louis Pincus.

When the Agency was reconstituted to include an equal number of so-called non-Zionists in its executive, this paper was one of the few who analyzed the new makeup as only a paper development — that the Zionist organizations and Israel still held the reins, and the addition of the fund-raising leadership was merely window-dressing, despite the fact that it did offer a few crumbs to the diaspora leadership.

Now the die will soon be cast.

If Mr. Dultzin is cast aside for someone more acceptable to the political powers that be in Israel, then no one need any longer be under any misapprehension. Mr. Dultzin's disability arises from the fact that he is not a member of Israel's ruling party, the Labor Party. That he has been devoted and dedicated, and is qualified by all manner of criteria, is conveniently ignored, almost as if he had been a non-person instead of a talented official recognized both in Israel and the diaspora for his achievements.

We do not believe that the politicians will so easily discard Mr. Dultzin — that is unless the supine American Jewish leadership fails to make a strong stand and demand that the position go to the best man available, not to the man the Labor Party in Israel is able to control.

Jewish Contributions To U.S.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the Jewish Historical Society is involved in the preparation of a series of articles showing Jewish contributions for the celebration of the nation's 200th anniversary is unfortunate.

This kind of approach is self-defeating.

For the 300th anniversary of the landing of the first Jews at New Amsterdam, great plans were made, and President Eisenhower addressed a huge banquet in New York. The books that were to be produced showing Jewish contributions fortunately died for lack of funding.

There just is no way in which anything can be achieved by this kind of approach. If this were being done for internal scholarly purposes, fine, but if it is part of a plan to prove that Jews have made contributions to America, then we're opposed, and the idea is faulty. An answer to the question of what such a set of articles relating the contributions of Catholics or Negroes to America would mean, gives you a concrete idea of why we are opposed.

We can't understand the continuous and persistent campaign of the American Jewish Committee against the movie, "Jesus Christ Superstar," which has taken on the characteristic of a vendetta, unless the committee is hoping thus to forestall the movie from ever reaching TV. Once the committee had made its point, and the Jewish position had been presented, then it would seem that repeating the charges would have a diminishing effect. One thing is certain — the Jewish position is not going to affect the movie's success.

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The EDITOR'S CHAIR

WE SENT A CLIPPING from The Jerusalem Post detailing the wide inroads of intermarriage into the Danish Jewish community to Rabbi Bent Melchior, the Chief Rabbi, because it seemed to be taking a position which left no doubts about the immediate doom of the Jewish community of Denmark.

We met Rabbi Melchior some few years back, and told him to his face that he would be a great success in any American pulpit. His late father was Chief Rabbi and we've kept in touch sporadically since then. Here is what he wrote, and since he is conservative in his statements, there is a lesson in what he has to say for those who are ready to throw in the towel for diaspora Jewry.

"The clipping from the Jerusalem Post certainly leaves you with a wrong impression. There is of course, here as in most other places, a very great danger of assimilation and for a small community the danger becomes more immediate than for a big one. This does, however, not mean that our community is doomed. It is my opinion that the question whether you call yourself a Dane or a Jew or a Danish Jew is pure nonsense since the one does not operate to most people as an exclusion to the other.

On the question of observance I would say that the survey took the standards of Agudat Israel as basic to whether people are observant or not. Even if the figures there were true they indicate that 48 per cent celebrate Chanukah at the same time as it is stated that 83 per cent observe none of the religious laws.

"Most important are perhaps the figures about intermarriage. There the survey operates on a false basis as they include people who are not Jews such as children of mixed marriages in the statistics. I do not know the true figure but I have just worked the statistics for the last 10 years where an average of 75 children were born and 30 Jewish marriages took place involving 60 people. This last number includes, of course, some people from Israel and Poland and a number of converts, so you cannot really compare the two figures. At the same time a number of Danish-born persons have married in Israel and other places, so that I will say that the figure of 75 per cent intermarriage is completely impossible. If it is half as big, it is bad enough.

"Statistics can be very dangerous and it is possible to prove almost everything. When I state that about 40 per cent of our children overcome many difficulties to attend the Jewish day school it would indicate a Jewish revival which again is only part of the truth."

WE FIND IT DIFFICULT to compose editorial eulogies for important figures in the Jewish world, not so much because we are not aware of their contributions, but more because we feel that a eulogy should not be

stilted and should go below the surface and tell us the strengths and personality of the individual. By the reverse reasoning, we feel we do a good job when unfortunately we are required to write editorials on those with whom we've had contacts over the years.

In connection with the recent death of Louis Pincus, although we could say hello to him, we really never were in his private company, so what we had to say a few weeks back seemed to us to be stilted and inadequate. So we have asked Raymond Epstein, the new president of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds to prepare a few words for inclusion in this "editor's chair."

By RAYMOND EPSTEIN

It may be true that no man is indispensable but it is equally true that Louis Pincus is irreplaceable. His job will be filled but his special attributes will not be duplicated.

I shall remember him for his tenacity — he never let go of a subject until he had achieved his objective; his surprising compassion which, under a worldly exterior, was the motivating force in everything he did; his fierce, almost possessive, devotion to the Agency as the symbol of world Jewry's concern for Israel; his ability to articulate both sentiment and statistics in a way that stimulated all of us to give, to work and to think on basic problems.

His successor will bring his own special talents to the job but Louis placed his mark forever and indelibly upon the Agency, the State of Israel and the world of the Diaspora. He was the vital link between Israel and all other Jews, at home in Israel, in France, in the United States, and everywhere in the world where organized Jewish communities existed for him to spur into action.

I worked — and fought — with Louis Pincus at the Jewish Telegraphic Agency which he always considered his special child and whose importance he always recognized. I sat beside him in Geneva at sessions of the World Claims Conference and the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture. He inspired our Chicago community on many occasions — most recently early this year when he was the featured speaker at our opening campaign dinner. In Israel at Agency Board meetings, in Paris at Appel Unifie, in countless places and countless ways, my life has been influenced by this leader whose epitaph must be "Servant to his people."

We eulogize him now upon completion of the traditional mourning period but we immortalize him in our rededication to the work which was his life, in our continued pursuit of his ideals and his goals, and in our permanent commitment to Israel as the cornerstone of our Jewish heritage and our promise for the future.

Russia's Celebration Of The Yahrzeit Of Munich

By RABBI MAURICE DAVIS

It was Tuesday, September 5, 1972. The Black September



Davis

The world had always made believe that politics and sports lived separate lives. At the door of the Olympics, politics came to a halt. Whatever happened outside the wall, inside the athletes competed — peacefully, honorably.

NEVER MIND Berlin of 1936. That was an aberration never to be repeated. So the scene was set for Munich of 1972 to wipe away that earlier stain. Instead the people of Germany played host again to horror, a horror they would have given anything in the world to have avoided. They offered the bandits unlimited funds. They offered

their own officials hostage for nations of the world resolved to make this possible. Anything, anything at all to keep the horror from returning to their land.

Well, we know what happened. The Yahrzeit is at hand.

IT IS AGAINST this backdrop that we read the news from Russia. There, Israeli athletes were ridiculed. There, Russian Jews who dared applaud Israelis were beaten up by mobs, while Russian police tore up Israeli flags.

And this is the Russia that wants to play host for the Olympics of 1980!

After Munich we wondered if the Olympics could ever take place again. The answer was — perhaps. Perhaps, if the

hostage. Anything, anything at all to keep the horror from returning to their land.

INSTEAD, the Soviet Union has resolved to make it impossible. What the Soviet Union has made inevitable is not the return of the Olympics, but the return of Munich. She has poisoned her soil and her soul, and the Olympics must not take place there.

If the Soviet Union cannot divorce politics from sports, then the sports must take place elsewhere, where civilized nations can — at least for a little while — act in a civilized manner.

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Council Women Go To College

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It has taken a women's organization to put the conduct of its program into the hands of university experts as 300 leaders of the National Council of Jewish Women were enrolled in a special course at Van-

derbilt University here. The institution designed a week-long introduction to management skills, and the NCJW women ate up the fine points they learned in how to motivate, conduct and successfully prosecute their program for Jewish and general causes.

Only A Genius Created Israel Bureaucracy

By M.Z. FRANK

To speak of the "bureaucratic mess" in Israel is to use words loosely. A "mess" is something disorderly. Israeli bureaucracy, once you analyze it, is a very orderly, intricate pattern, conceived by a developed orderly mind. What is wrong with it is the way we take it.



I have read about educated Jews brought up in Moslem countries who cannot stand classical music, like Beethoven, or Mozart: it sounds to them like so much caterwauling. I have the same reaction to modern music. But men and women of our generation know about Beethoven and Mozart, and my grandson Peter knows about modern music, that such music is not a haphazard agglomeration of mere sounds. Neither is Israeli bureaucracy. It can safely be compared to a musical symphony played by an orchestra. It has a starting point, it has a goal. I don't like the starting point; I don't like the goal. That's the trouble with us barbarian Americans. We lack culture.

WHOEVER INVENTED the bureaucratic system in vogue in Israel must have derived a deep sense of esthetic gratification from having produced such a neat pattern, so highly sophisticated and intricate, where each little part falls into place. Just, as I said, like

a symphony played by an orchestra.

An orchestra has, say, 49 musicians: a first violinist, a second violinist, a viola player, a violoncello, a bass (or two basses) a trombone, a flute, a harp, a piano etc. etc. Each player in the orchestra has to do his part of the notes, according to the score and according to the directions of the conductor. The players do not have to coordinate their music among themselves. Nor do they have to sit near one another according to the sequence of the notes: A plays the first note seated at one end of the orchestra, B plays next at the other end.

In Israeli bureaucracy step A in a transaction takes place at a wicket, say at one end of the port and then comes step B at the opposite and half a mile away. Then you have to go back again for step C, etc. etc. And sometimes one of the steps takes you from one city to another, say from Haifa to Tel Aviv or Jerusalem or Ashdod. The orchestra arrangement is perfect; the public is worn out trying to catch up with the perfection.

THE GENIUS OR geniuses who planned this perfect orchestration of the bureaucracy had no mind for the public, for the common citizen. The principal thing is the perfect plan.

In the Israeli bureaucracy one clerk identifies you, another confirms your identity, a third one gets your signature, a fourth one puts on a seal, a fifth one puts on a stamp

(if you're lucky and are not sent over to the post office to buy one yourself) etc. etc.

No coordination, no communication between one musician — excuse me, clerk — and another. The one that has performed his part sends you off without bothering what you do next.

Still, there are differences:

When a man goes to the Mann Auditorium in Tel Aviv to listen to Leonard Bernstein conduct the Israeli Philharmonic, he does so out of choice and knows what he is in for. When a poor harassed immigrant from Georgia has to go to the port of Haifa or Ashdod or to the office of the Jewish Agency to claim his baggage, he is a captive of the system and deserves more consideration than an ordinary citizen. But, then, the ordinary Israeli citizen is not in a much better position and is not treated with much consideration either.

IN ALL THE concerts I attended at the Mann Auditorium I never saw a musician munch a sandwich or drink tea in the middle of his playing. But I have seen plenty of it in some offices. Once, three years ago, when I went to the Ministry of Interior (Kolbo-Shalom Building, Tel Aviv) to get my identification card, I had to sign a document. I had not brought my pen with me, so I turned to the man behind the wicket next to me and asked him to lend me his. He bawled me out: "Can't you see I am eating?" No respect for my gray hair, either.

THE ECONOMIC VIEW

Israel Plans To Import Labor From Europe

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

"Would you approve importing labor from Jordan?" a TV interviewer asked of Labor Minister Joseph Almogi.



The Minister was visibly startled. He quickly regained his composure and with his usual self-confidence replied, "I have no objection in principle to importing needed labor from Jordan — but quite frankly the possibilities are rather remote."

While the Minister's appraisal of the possibility of bringing in much needed labor from Jordan is probably correct, the reality of Israel's acute labor shortage today is such that bringing in certain categories of labor from southern Europe, Malta, Turkey and Cyprus is now a distinct probability. Minister Almogi admitted to a present labor shortage of 20,000 even after the labor force had been augmented by some 46,000 during 1971, over 50 per cent of them women, and despite the addition of some 1,800-2,000 olim monthly.

THE GOVERNOR of the Bank of Israel, Moshe Sanbar, estimated that there are presently 25,000 jobs looking for candidates, a condition which drastically deters Israel's economic development. Industrial leaders put the figure at close to 35,000 unfilled jobs and predict that the shortage will definitely become more acute, especially for skilled workers.

This problem has actually been in the making for a number of years. New olim from the start never represented a balanced supply of needed workers for all branches of the economy. The latest additions, the Russian olim, for example are overskilled in certain highly

specialized areas — overspecialized. Fully 25 per cent of them possess, for Israel, unwanted skills.

TO A LESSER DEGREE this is unfortunately true of other olim as well. A massive retraining program, much neglected up to now, is obviously a minimal requirement today. What is even more vital right now is the clear necessity of an overall stock-taking of Israel's labor supply and after a careful analysis, the short term as well as long term planning for the most efficient and most productive use of this manpower supply.

Regretfully this type of planning has not been attempted to date, hence the emergencies that become crises calling for radical solutions.

The immediate emergency is basically in construction, but industry generally is crying desperately for skilled help of every type. Good office help is at a premium. Experienced typists and keyboard operators of computers, telex and accounting machines are in extremely short supply. Even Israel's Zim Shipping Lines is

suffering from a crippling dearth of Israeli sailors. Only 1,230 Israelis of the 1,850 sailors now man Zim's fleet and the shortage is growing annually.

A YEAR OR MORE ago, no one would have dreamed of proposing the importing of labor of any kind. Albeit, specialists — individuals with particular skills needed for special jobs — have been in Israel for a number of years under special licensing. Engineers under three year contracts have served the Israel Aircraft Company and are continuing to do so now. Specialists for certain types of military equipment are employed by the Ministry of Defense. A number of skilled Swedish workmen are here now for Traumasbestos construction.

However their total number is in the hundreds — not thousands. What is currently contemplated is the import of thousands.

When this heretical subject was first broached, Israel's Labor Government reacted with an abhorrent rejection of the entire idea as inimical to the historic concept of labor's role in building Israel. Confirmed

socialist idealists were deeply concerned about the growing trend to relegate menial work to foreign labor — to the almost 50,000 Arabs from the West Bank and Gaza strip and now to others as well.

WHEN THE STARK realism of the current dilemma began to penetrate even Histadrut circles a gradual change in attitude occurred. Finance Minister Pinhas Sapir indicated the first breakthrough when he cautiously expressed a tentative approval of such a move if it would reduce the cost of housing construction. Later even the 50,000 member Building Workers Union of the Histadrut gave its reluctant acquiescence "... provided that the foreign workers be used only for immigrant housing, homes for young married couples and for slum clearance."

The Union's approval would come however, only after all steps to utilize local manpower had been exhausted, including the transfer of skilled workmen

from location to location as well as the instituting of an immediate crash retraining program to provide more skilled construction workers.

THE PRELIMINARY hurdles, ideological and practical, having been cleared, the Economic Council of Ministers began making plans for importing 1,000 workers from Yugoslavia later this year and then more from Turkey and Cyprus. Thus Israel will join the select group of the highly industrial nations of Europe — West Germany, France and Sweden who have in the past decade employed over 8,000,000 foreign workers in their prosperous economies. It will be a novel experience for Israel and a mighty unnerving one for its Government and people. From an economic viewpoint it is probably a vital necessity. From a psychological viewpoint it remains a puzzler — is it "good for Yiden"?

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Ambitious Education Plan Cut Down To Size

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An ambitious plan for a new approach to religious education which would involve parents was cut down to size by Temple Beth El after consideration at Sabbath service.

Rabbi Paul H. Levenson took pen in hand in a letter to The Kansas City Jewish Chronicle to assure parents who were interested in joining the congregation that they would not have to teach their children each Sunday morning.

His "First Draft Proposal" which was circulated to the membership called for all

parents to teach at least for four Sundays a year. The classes would meet in the parents' homes with five to 10 families participating.

When the "proposal" was considered at the Sabbath service, it finally emerged on a strictly "voluntary basis" with only one or two family groups to start and that strictly on a volunteer basis. The rest of the children will continue to attend Sunday School and two-day-a-week Hebrew School in classrooms with professional teachers.

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On The Synagogue Scene

One Congregation's Plan To Beat Inflation's Jolt

By MYRON SCHOEN

With the congregational year 1973-74 looming up as the period



Schoen tend to his "business" (presumably the religious aspects of the program) and leave the "business" (presumably the administrative and monetary aspects) to the lay leadership.

When a ship is in trouble, the captain and the crew must cooperate or they'll all suffer the same fate. That subtle change seems to be reflected in the board rooms of synagogues in many parts of the country and was expressed in The Commentator, the bulletin of Temple Beth Am, Miami, last May.

DAVID STUART, the executive director of this more than 1,000 family Reform congregation, utilizes a half page to expound on the budgetary situation and he minces no words. He writes: "We are staggered by the enormity of the amounts of money that we at Temple Beth Am will have to budget for the next fiscal year in order to serve our congregants and the community at large."

What accounts for the professional executive's concern?

Improving the educational program, the calibre of teachers and the physical facilities for the religious and Hebrew school will run the costs up "beyond belief." Providing more meaningful youth programs and more camping experiences will add considerably to the youth activities line of the budget. Improvements slated for adult education, film festivals, Purim carnivals, Seders and the various social groups under the aegis of the synagogue will push the costs upward.

AND AS IN practically all service institutions, there are the personnel costs. The large synagogue such as Beth Am is "just now catching the full

brunt of the cost of professional salaries," although Stuart insists, "We all wear many hats and perform a myriad of tasks. We have no prima donnas on our staff."

But in addition to the professionals, increases must go to the school teachers, the office personnel and the custodial staff to keep pace with the cost of living each year.

How does Temple Beth Am plan to meet this financial problem? Their major reliance will continue to be on a Fair-Share dues structure adopted several years ago. However, in recognition that the 1973-74 year will be no routine exercise in balancing the synagogue's budget, Rabbi Herbert M. Baumgard takes up the cudgels and devotes his entire "From the Rabbi's Desk" column in the same issue of the bulletin to offer a solution and play an intimate part in its implementation.

IN SUPPORT of Administrator Stuart's plea for more generous giving, Rabbi Baumgard points out that gifts of \$5,000 and \$10,000 to Miami area congregations for membership dues are no longer unusual and that it has become essential that every synagogue have a corps of such givers if the inflationary cycle of our time is to be overcome and the synagogue is to continue to function. Temple Beth Am's special planning committee has therefore created a new group, "The Committee of 100." It is the rabbi's expectation that at least 100 of his congregation's families will come forth with a \$1,000 gift, but stresses that it is for one year only and does not constitute a continuing pledge.

Richard Pallot, chairman of the undertaking, and Rabbi Baumgard express the hope that the money thus raised will pay for the entire budget of the religious school program and thus make that aspect of the synagogue's program independent of the dues structure of the congregation. "There comes a point where the average family is taxed unduly by the rise in dues, and no well-managed congregation today exists merely on the basis of dues payments," explains Rabbi Baumgard.

HOPEFULLY there will be 100 or more families at Temple Beth Am who will respond to the rabbi's call and that a similar call and a similar response will be forthcoming from congregants in all parts of the country as the congregational year unfolds.

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Why Only The Orthodox?

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The weekly Algemeiner Journal is edited by a rabbi-journalist, Dr. Gershon Jacobson, whose tendencies are Hasidic. The newspaper has become the spokesman of Orthodoxy, with stories about the Lubavitcher rebbe abounding in many issues.

This evoked a critical letter to the editor, featured by the Journal, from Morris Kaufman, of Scranton, Pa. Asks the reader: why don't you print more news about other Jewish groupings: the Reformers, the Conservatives, the Reconstruc-

tionists, and the seculars?

Gen. Bradley's Wife

You wouldn't guess that Gen. Omar Bradley would be featured in an article in the Jewish Daily Forward. But he is, in a piece by the paper's crack labor editor, I. Fogel.

What's the story? The story is that the General just donated \$5,000 to the old age home run by the Workmen's Circle in the Bronx. Why? Because the general is married to a Jewish lady, whose parents found rest and satisfaction in that establishment.

Fogel draws a fascinating picture of Gen. Bradley and his Jewish wife enjoying a trip to the home and the food it offers. If there had been a photo, the caption would have been: "The General and the Gefilte Fish."

TORAH THOUGHT

By Z. A. Hilsenrad

In this week's Torah portion we are told that when the Jewish people will have come into the Promised Land, "... thou shalt in any wise set him a king over thee..." (Deut. 17:15).

Yet we find that the prophet Samuel was extremely displeased when the people came and said to him, "Behold thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways, now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." (I Samuel 8:5). When he prayed for guidance, G-d replied, "Harken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected Me, that I shall not be king over them." (Ibid v. 7)

REGARDING SAMUEL'S displeasure, Rashi (v. 6) explains that it stemmed from the fact that they asked for a king to "... judge us like all the nations." As G-d's unique people we should have been completely content to have the King of Kings as our sovereign.

The R'dak — R. David Kimchi — comments that G-d's displeasure over this request stemmed from the fact that it was not inspired by any desire to fulfill the Torah Command to have a king, for in that event they should have stipulated that they wanted a king who would judge them with justice and faith in G-d. But when the people asked for a king to "judge us like all nations," they thus manifested a lack of faith in G-d.

Your Name

By NORBERT PEARLROTH

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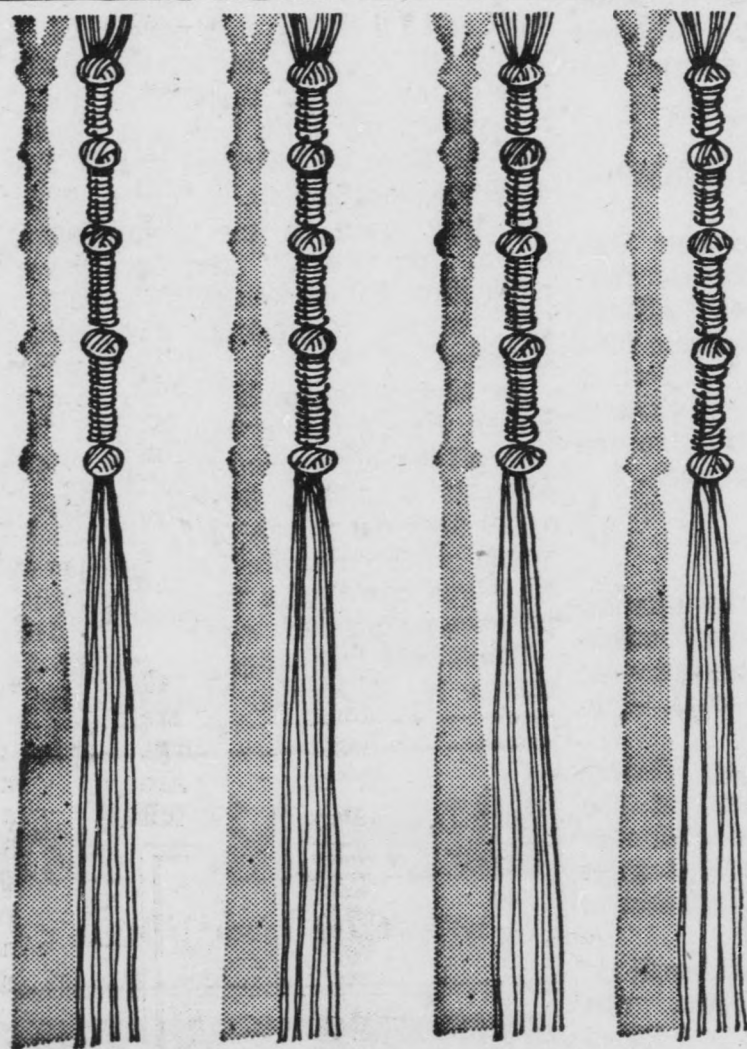
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I am writing this column while packing and getting ready to leave for Europe. I almost wrote "for my vacation," until I considered that most of my days are spent more or less on vacation.

As all of you know, there are a thousand and one last minute chores involving the mail, the newspaper delivery, the care and feeding of the plants and what to do with the perishables in the refrigerator. Herbert is not going with me but he is planning to employ his leisure hours while I am away in visiting the children. This is a career in itself, inasmuch as our son lives in Eastern Canada and our daughter in Southern California.

WHEN I MENTION TO friends that I am going abroad alone, the inevitable answer is, "how courageous." I remind them that I shall have neither the responsibility of rowing the boat nor of piloting the plane. All I have to do is pleasure myself.

My baggage may be a bit overweight, but that is only because of the books I am taking to read. A cruise is an ideal time to catch up on all the books one wants to peek into. Certainly, I shall probably never be able to finish all the volumes I have packed but that is far, far better than running out of reading matter when one is not near a book store.

I plan to spend four or five days in London before I return home. That is one city where people who love books can indulge themselves for little money. In Taipei, last year, the American best-sellers were selling at very low prices because, I believe, they copy the books without paying royalties on them. I forget what the reason is for the bargain prices in London but I do know that you can buy a lot of books for not too great a cash outlay.

AND THE STOCK in the bookstores there can make any book-lover drool. I have become a bookaholic. Now, what with the diminishing value of our dollar on the foreign market, I figure that books will make up the bulk of my purchases.

I lack the patience to be a very good shopper and I am not acquisitive enough to be a good collector. Therefore, I buy only what I imagine that I'll be sorry that I did not. My children get angry when I say that at my time of life it is foolish to buy THINGS, but it is young people who have need for them and not the older ones.

The buying of gifts is a time-consuming matter. It is often difficult to find the perfect present when your time is occupied in sightseeing. I had a better method when the children were young. I bought the gifts before we left home, gift wrapped them and went on vacation serene in the knowledge that one onerous chore was attended to.

SO, DEAR FRIENDS, I bid you all au revoir. I shall write to you next week from Copenhagen. And then, before I know it, I shall be back at the old stand, having gained little but many pounds of too, too solid flesh. At any rate, I shall be writing and I hope that you will continue reading.

Bar, Bat Mitzvah Routine In Reform Congregations

NEW YORK — If the survey conducted by the National Association of Temple Educators and the Education Department of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations is comprehensive enough, bar and bat mitzvah have become routine in Reform congregations by 1973.

Of 71 temples responding, 65 or 93 per cent, provide for bar

mitzvah. Only six per cent less also provide for bat mitzvah.

OF THIS NUMBER about a third requires four years of religious school study before the celebration. When added to those temples which require three years of such study, the total comes to 60 per cent. Broken down for the study of Hebrew, the percentage of at least three years is even higher — 72 per cent.

The growth of the celebration in Reform congregations was shown also by the statistic that in 60 temples the average number of bar mitzvahs was 32 per year.

THE SURVEY also showed

One Woman's Viewpoint This Year's Ugly Clothes

By HELEN COHEN

Fashion designers may be spawning new fall ideas, but



Helen

cottage cheese, once 25 cents a carton, is now 54 cents, then budgets have to be slashed elsewhere.

IN A LOCAL survey, several housewives reported they just weren't buying any new clothes.

Too bad it took a terrible inflation of food prices to effect this change, but maybe now mama's closet-full of clothes will have a chance to be used until they're really worn out.

So far, each new season has called for new styles if one wanted to be with it.

This summer weren't women's slack suits slanted toward pastels, with white pants dominating the scene? So even though milady already owned a number of perfectly satisfactory slack suits, they weren't white, and again she shopped.

SO FAR I'VE resisted the exaggerated thick-soled clog shoes so popular lately. Getting too old for such silliness.

But don't just take my word for it. A comic strip in the Detroit July 15 Sunday News, called The Small Society, by Brickman pictures the missus complaining to her husband about the new styles: "Terrible... not made for normal wo-

men, you've got to be a stick to wear that stuff... those designers must hate women... they're ugly, ugly, ugly..."

Then she proceeds to ask for money for some new summer clothes. If they're so ugly, why, he wants to know? "Because if I'm going to look ugly, I'm going to look this year's ugly."

Ah, if we could learn to resist, like George did.

SCREEN STAR George Peppard was interviewed recently by Vernon Scott. A one-time fashion plate, we are told that Peppard now is down to a couple of sports jackets and a suit

or two. (Even if this is a wee understatement, George must have a bit more spending money than the rest of us.)

"I gave up trying to keep in style one day," he explained, "when I went for a fitting and my tailor told me the back vents in jackets had been extended two inches. That did it. I quit buying clothes."

Food we have to keep buying (though I personally prefer the less costly milk and parve dishes) but most of us are still far from threadbare. Now if we can just turn our backs on this year's ugly.

Just Between Us

Solvent Part Of The Family

By HELEN MINTZ

At a time when I'm being skittish about buying either



Helen

this older part-time plunger is reluctant to face the financial whirlpool or the fancy cuts of meat is a lack of ready cash — something that doesn't seem to be a problem for my junior achievers.

SHOW ME A kid with a piggy bank and I'll show you a parent who's left an IOU, no interest rate charged. Ever since I can remember, my little ones were solvent. Down to their last dime on any given Sunday, by nightfall they were in the money again. For "thems" that need edification, I'll explain with just two words. Grandma and Grandpa.

A perfect example is my father. Here's this grown man, who all his life rubbed the buffalo off a nickel, paying an outrageous tab for his young grandson to wash his car. He alone could take credit for inflation on our driveway.

Same held true when my son was in his shoe-shine business,

age thirteen. His grandfather could have bought himself a new pair for what he paid for stocks or a shine. Aside from the fact that he also bought him all the equipment necessary to get him up in business, the love and attention was worth the price.

SO NO WONDER the little spenders end up as the richest ones in the family. A good report card is worth something, a good Hebrew school report card is worth even more. And they know it!

Vendors of staples on my bubblegummers' shopping list will see no slacking off in purchases by this prepubescent customer. She remains fairly solvent and is the last one to feel it when it comes to nickels and dimes. Of course we're aware they don't go as far as they once did, but we've yet to make any cost-of-living adjustments.

Since there's no union in the junior ranks of the paid unemployed, any request will have to be presented in a clear-cut case of logical need. The satisfaction of winning her case will make the cost-of-living allowance that more meaningful. I think!

ANYWAY, it's to my advantage if she's solvent. As long as I honor my IOU's, my own personal bank-at-home service still rates me AOK!

Helen Mintz can be reached at 3408 Frederick St., Ocean-side, N.Y. 11572.

WEINSTEIN CHESS CHAMP

CHICAGO — The new U.S. Open Chess Champion is Norman Weinstein, of Allston, Mass., who won out over a field of 778 aspirants. A former student at MIT, Weinstein finished in a tie for second place in the Open last year.

that over half of the temples required the bar mitzvah candidates to pledge attendance at religious school through Confirmation.

Another interesting finding was the involvement of the rabbi in Confirmation. Just over 87 per cent of the rabbis meet weekly with the Confirmation Class.

The shift from Ashkenzit to Sephardit pronunciation was even more marked. A total of 67.6 per cent of the congregations now use Sephardit at services, while 85.9 use Sephardit in their Hebrew classes.

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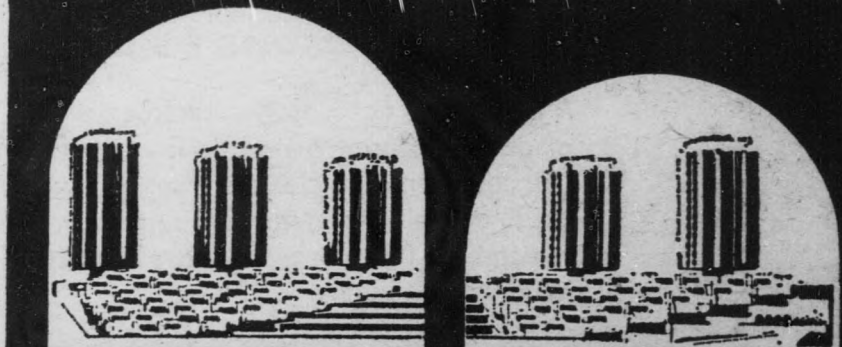
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WHAT FOODS THESE MORSELS BE

Meat, Poultry Not Only Ways To Get Protein

By SARAH LIEBER

Food prices keep rising, and it takes clever planning to feed the family attractive meals with proper nutrition and at the same time balance the budget.



Dairy meals are one reliable way. Protein is

essential to good healthy diets, but meat and poultry are not the only ways to get protein. Remember that dairy products, eggs, nuts, legumes, soybeans and of course, all varieties of fish are rich in this element.

The homemaker is tempted to go heavy on starches because they are filling and universally popular. But these must be balanced with the other essentials. Consult any reliable cookbook, nutrition pamphlet or "basic four" list. Many free booklets are available from your state extension service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Some meatless main dishes below may help guide you in menu planning.

SCANDINAVIAN FISH PUDDING

1 medium onion, coarsely cut
1 1/4 pound raw fish, cubed (skinned and boned)
1 tblsp. cornstarch
1 tblsp. water
1/2 cup skimmed evaporated milk
1/4 cup water
1 tsp. lemon juice
1 egg
1/4 tsp. pepper
1 tsp. salt
one-third cup oil

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Meanwhile, cover onion with water in small pan and cook for a few minutes. Drain and rinse with cold water to remove strong flavor. Mix cornstarch with tablespoonful of water to a smooth paste. Mix evaporated milk with 1/4 cup water and combine with cornstarch to form a paste. Set aside. In a blender place lemon juice, egg and seasonings. Blend a few minutes. Remove cover and pour oil into center in a steady stream while blender is in slow motion. Gradually add milk mixture and blend a few minutes. Pour half the mixture into a jar and set aside. To the remaining mixture in the blender add half the fish and half the onion. Cover container and blend 30 seconds; stop and stir down with spatula. Cover

and blend until smooth. Remove. Repeat with remaining ingredients. Combine blended mixtures and pour into greased casserole. Place in shallow pan of water and bake 40 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Serve hot or cold. Good with mushroom sauce if hot, with mayonnaise when cold. Garnish with dill or parsley. Serves 4.

TUNA AND NOODLE CASSEROLE

2 cups canned tuna
3 tblsp. oil (including oil from cans)
1/2 medium onion, chopped.
2 tblsp. flour
pinch of curry powder (optional)
1 tsp. salt
pepper to taste
2 cups milk (or skim milk)
2 tblsp. chopped parsley
2 cups cooked and drained noodles
1/2 cup fine bread crumbs
2 tblsp. grated cheese
2 tblsp. margarine
Drain tuna reserving oil and flake fish. Saute onion in oil until transparent. Stir in flour and seasonings and stir over low heat until smooth. Gradually stir in milk and cook, stirring constantly until thick and smooth. Add parsley. Arrange

noodles and tuna in layers in 2 quart greased casserole. Pour sauce over, sprinkle with crumbs and grated cheese. Dot with margarine. Bake about 30 minutes at 375 degrees until browned on top and heated through. Serves 6.

RICE FRITTERS

2 cups boiled rice
1/2 cup grated cheese
3 tblsp. flour
3 eggs, separated
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup milk
Mix together rice, cheese, flour, seasonings, egg yolks and milk. Beat egg whites stiff and fold in very gently. Drop batter by tablespoonfuls onto a hot oiled griddle or skillet. Fry until puffed and golden on both sides. Drain and serve hot as is or with mushroom or tomato sauce. Serves 4 to 6.

ISRAELI LENTIL AND RICE PILAF

2 onions, sliced
1/4 cup oil
1/2 pound dried lentils, soaked and drained
1/2 pound rice
Salt and pepper to taste
Fry onions in oil until crisp. Remove onions and set aside. Pour drained lentils in the oil and add water to cover. Cook

on low flame for about 2 hours, or until tender. Add rice and more water as required. Cook until rice is tender, about 25 or 30 minutes. Season to taste. Serve hot with fried onions and parsley as garnish. Serves 8.

SALMON

CASSEROLE DE LUXE

1 1-pound can salmon, drained
1 can cream of asparagus soup
1 10-ounce package asparagus tips, cooked and drained
1/4 cup grated cheese
salt, pepper and paprika
Grease a 2 quart baking dish. Form layers of broccoli or spinach, noodles and salmon. Top with a layer of noodles. Add mushrooms and soup. Arrange asparagus tips in spoke design on top. Sprinkle grated cheese between asparagus spears. Dot with margarine. Bake 20 minutes at 350 degrees or until heated through. Sprinkle with paprika and serve at once. Serves 6.

By Dr. Rose Franzblau

Pregnant And Abortion At 15

QUESTION:

I am 16. At 15, I became pregnant and had an abortion.



I didn't want to. But because of my parents' reputation and standing in the community, I had to.

Unfortunately, this boy and I live close to each other. After this happened (his parents were never told), we continued to see each other. We also plan to get married in the future.

What bothers me is that I no longer love him. He claims he loves me very much and doesn't want to lose me. He can't understand why I feel this way.

SINCE THIS incident we have both changed greatly. Now, I have developed an attraction for those of my own sex. I now hate any kind of sex, and have vowed never to indulge in it again.

I think I need some help with my problem. I don't trust anyone.

MY OLDER brother is at college. He and my sister have always been fine students.

ANSWER:

Generally speaking youngsters who engage in sex prematurely rarely do so out of love for the partner. The basic drive that leads to this behavior comes rather from a lack of self-esteem.

While the youngsters engage in sex, they profess a great love for each other, which will end up in marriage, once they come of age. This makes them feel less guilty and a little more

moral, since they declare themselves as wanting to lead to a legitimate relationship.

SOME WILL go to the extreme situation where the girl becomes pregnant, which is never accidental. This is supposed to show that they really care for each other. But the pregnancy, as well as the abortion, is a forecast of the break-up to come.

The girl feels that if the boy really cared he would have controlled his desires out of love and protection for her. The boy reasons that the girl should have taken some preventive measures, so as not to make the boy she professes to love feel guilty and like an irresponsible male.

ANOTHER REASON for breaking up is that the person they originally loved has changed completely. Behind this is the implied accusation that the other had really put on a false front, and the truth has now come out.

Finding members of your own sex more attractive may really be your new way of controlling your sexual desires and not becoming involved with any male. Because you are not too sure of yourself and of your ability to say "no" to a member of the opposite sex, you want to stay away from all men until you have greater confidence in yourself.

ALL OF YOUR insecurities may come from the feeling that you are not as loved and accepted as your older siblings are. You may also feel that the help that your parents made available to you when you told them about your pregnancy was only to protect themselves and their good reputation in the community, rather than to pro-

Post And Opinion And Nixon

Editor, POST and OPINION:

I would like to respectfully request that my subscription be terminated.

In two of your recent issues, July 13 and Aug. 17, appear pro-Nixon articles and I searched in vain for some balancing material.

I happen to believe that no Jew who is aware of his heritage can support Richard Nixon. No Jew who knows about Auschwitz can tolerate Mai Tai. No Jew who is familiar with Nazi terror can accommodate "knucklehead" raids. No Jew who is devoted to freedom can defend such practices as hate lists, wiretapping and preventive detention.

I believe that Nixon is obscene i.e. he is utterly without redeeming social value. He has lied and cheated and conducted surreptitious warfare against Asiatics who never even heard of him and his policies. He has affronted the Jews directly

and indirectly.

If your parents had really cared, they would have become aware of your involvement right from the beginning, and insisted that you put an end to it before you got into trouble. You also cannot understand why they have not taken a firm stand and still permit you to see this boy.

IT IS YOUR poor relationship with your parents and the communication gap that exists between you that is, in large part, responsible for your problem. That you yourself admit that you need help really shows some growth and progress in the right direction. You should talk this matter over with your parents, and without going into too many details, ask them to make psychological counseling available to you.

by wiretapping the Israeli embassy and, if you recall, his Rogers Plan to sell Israel down the river — and by his support for prayers in the public schools.

It is clear that a continuation of my subscription will only bring on aggravation and thus, I must regretfully ask that it be terminated.

JERRY GREENBERG

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Editor, POST and OPINION:

Please be advised that a number of my friends and I were disturbed when we read in your Friday, June 15 issue, the insane words of Rabbi M. Davis which you published which should arouse anti-Semitism and at the same time you pleaded with Mr. Nixon to do something for the Russian Jews through Leonid Brezhnev. President Nixon has to be an angel to try to help the Jews

You can be sure that this request will make your parents feel better about themselves.

As for you, getting help will not only enable you to find yourself psychologically and become the person you want to be, but you will begin to operate academically on a higher level than you ever have. Seeing that you can perform as well as your older brother and sister will also bring you closer to them.

THEN YOU WILL not have to search for a brother, in a boyfriend, or for a sister, in a girlfriend.

(Dr. Franzblau will be happy to entertain any questions from P-O readers. They should be addressed to her care of The Post and Opinion, 101 5th Ave., New York City 10003.)

when Rabbi Davis and many other Jews like him disgrace the President. In some other countries Rabbi Davis would have been jailed or shot. How can you permit such discrepancies in the same paper and I hope that in the future a fine paper like yours will not repeat such mistakes.

The rabbi should stick to his Jewish religion and leave politics alone. If he cannot help, at least he should not hurt. A Rabbi does not know everything. Why print such stuff? I do hope that President Nixon and his friends will never read the Friday, June 15 paper.

DR. SAMUEL KAHN

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Recording Sought Of Dr. Herzog Talks

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The Oral History Division of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry at the Hebrew University in cooperation with the State Archives of Israel is now engaged in a project regarding the late Dr. Yaacov Herzog. During his years of activity on behalf of the State of Israel, he served as Minister in Washington, Ambassador in Ottawa and Director-General of the P.M.O. In these capacities, Dr. Herzog addressed numerous groups.

We ask any of your readers who recorded any of Dr. Herzog's addresses to be good enough to write us. We would like to know on what occasion the recording was made and the relevant technical data: machine, speed, etc. If the material is not already in our collection, we would then request that a copy be made for the Yaacov Herzog Oral History Project.

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Not All Jewish Girls Money-Mad

London's eligible Jewish bachelor's lament (P-O, Aug. 17) about "Jewish money-mad girls" was a sad commentary and an unfair, gross exaggeration and generalization, which is unfair to thousands of Jewish girls who patiently wait for Jewish men to sow their wild oats until they mature for marriage and family.

Just because "he" has a hang-up about Jewish girls, he should not indict those I know who are struggling to get into a good university or college; who enjoy Brahms and Schonberg; Rothko and Rubens, and have spent a summer picking fruit in Israel on a kibbutz or worked with underprivileged. That 18-year-old who spends \$250 a week could be a figment of his imagination.

Perhaps many of our "Jewish American Princesses" are spoiled by that nouveau riche

affluence for which their parents sacrificed all of their Jewishness in order to attract that "right man" and the "right people." Many of our bachelors find it easier to fall in love with a rich girl than a poor one, and so "plays the game" and wears the right clothes, and drives the right car, and meets the right people at the right clubs, and inhabits all the right vacation spots. There is as much hypocrisy among the bachelors as there is among the girls.

I am one of eight children, and I never heard my parents ask any of the questions P.R. proposed. It may be because Menschlichkeit and Judaism were our standards and not Dun & Bradstreet ratings.

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Arabs Should Come To Negotiating Table

Mr. Robert Keatley
The Wall Street Journal
22 Cortlandt Street
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Dear Mr. Keatley:

I simply cannot understand how you can write an article like "Oil and Diplomacy" which appears in your issue of Wednesday August 15th, without calling attention to the fact that Israel is ready to sit down at the negotiating table at a moment's notice, at any time, without any pre-conditions.

Obviously, the efforts of all of us, the U.S., King Faisal, the United Nations, Britain, etc., etc., should be devoted to getting the Arab countries to sit down and begin negotiations.

Let's get the talks started, let's find out where the differences lie and what they are.

Only in this way can self-respecting countries iron out their differences and create a stable peace.

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Torah And Flora

Destruction of Forests

Portion of the Week: Shofetim, Deut. 16.12-20.19. The verse discussed is 20.19.

By L.I. RABINOWITZ

A report in the International Herald Tribune of June 23,



Rabinowitz

ing huge fire storms.

I quote: "The targets of the firestorm efforts were rare and desirable mahogany trees which many forestry experts consider a valuable source for the Vietnamese economy. Had the burning succeeded . . . the trees possibly would have been replaced by less useful bamboo and other coarse vegetation."

THE RESEARCH into the experiment was conducted by the Advanced Research Projects Agency of the U.S. Defense Department. Fortunately it failed, because the moist forests would not burn, but a military man, defending it on strategic grounds, is reported as having said: "Do you want to burn trees or save lives?"

To that question the Bible, in the portion of this week, gives its answer in no uncertain terms: "When thou

shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them, for thou mayest eat of them but thou shalt not cut them down, for is the tree of the field man?" and despite the seeming limitation to fruit trees, the rabbis extend it to include the wanton destruction of all trees.

ONLY ONCE in recorded Biblical history was that injunction disregarded, and that on the express command of the prophet! Elisha commanded the waging of a war of utter extermination against Moab, and he included in it the injunction, "every good tree shall ye fell." (2 Kings 3.19).

The rightness of this command which stands in flagrant contradiction to the explicit Biblical law troubled the rabbis which feebly explains that it was an exceptional thing, and applied only to Moab and not to other nations, since Moab was a "base and contemptible people." But the discussion ends with the heartwarming observation, "At no time in its history did the people of Israel descend to so low a level of moral conduct."

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Kent State Tragedy Exceeds Watergate

Editor, POST and OPINION:

The students who were shot in May 19, 1970 at Kent were the length of a football field from the nearest soldier and had their backs to them. The men who fired their rifles were not the green kids of the National Guard but seasoned veterans.

I believe that when this story is told, it will smell so badly as to make Watergate seem like a deodorant. Readers who want the public to get the full story, should contribute to "Kent State Legal Defense Fund, 100 Maryland Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20002.

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National Bodies Deserted Israel

PHILADELPHIA — The failure of U.S. Jewish organizations to defend Israel's position on seizure of an Arab jetliner was challenged by David Young, president of Brith Sholom, national Zionist fraternal organization based here.

Referring to the national Jewish bodies, Young questioned their silence, and said that by it they equate "counter actions taken to preserve Jewish life with the bloody assassins' deed, which have earned Israel the world's verbal sympathy but not one jot relief from peril to its existence."

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Flashbacks In Jewish History

When Jews Were Not So Lavish

By RABBI A.P. BLOCH

September 4, 1637 — The Jewish Council of Lithuania



Bloch

limited the number of guests to a wedding, exclusive of relatives, to 20 males, 10 females, and five girl friends of the bride. Significantly, there was no limitation on the number of poor people who may be invited to the traditional Banquet of the Poor on the occasion of a betrothal. Gold embroidered veils and silk garments were frowned upon. Women were limited to the wearing of two rings and a gold chain could be wound only twice around the neck, with the balance tucked under the dress.

SUMPTUARY laws, designed to curtail excessive spending on occasions of joy or mourning, date back to Talmudic times. The tradition of uniform simple shrouds was introduced by Rabbon Gamaliel to spare the poor. The same consideration was behind the ancient tradition that all girls participating in the annual 15th of Av coming-out party in Jerusalem must wear only borrowed dresses.

MEDIEVAL SUMPTUARY laws were primarily enacted to protect the poor and to promote modesty and humility. An additional urgent reason, however, was the fear that ostentation might arouse the jealousy and hatred of Christians.

State and Church authorities frequently imposed their own restrictions upon Jewish attire. These were mainly motivated by a desire to degrade Jews in the eyes of the general community and to emphasize Jewish distinctiveness.

Jewish sumptuary laws in different localities shared many features in common. Most of

them limited the number of guests to a wedding, exclusive of relatives, to 20 males, 10 females, and five girl friends of the bride. Significantly, there was no limitation on the number of poor people who may be invited to the traditional Banquet of the Poor on the occasion of a betrothal. Gold embroidered veils and silk garments were frowned upon. Women were limited to the wearing of two rings and a gold chain could be wound only twice around the neck, with the balance tucked under the dress. MODERN JEWS, groaning under the yoke of lavish bar mitzvah affairs, might well look back with envy at the Jews of Ancona, Italy, who had passed a provision in 1766 barring entertainment on such occasions and limiting to coffee and biscuits the refreshments served to friends who come to the house to congratulate the parents.

Incidentally, a proposal that Congress be empowered to pass sumptuary laws was made in 1787 to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia by George Mason, a delegate from Virginia. South Vietnam passed a law in 1973 which prohibits the wearing of traditional hemp mourning dress, the mailing of printed invitations to weddings and funerals and the treating of guests to lavish banquets.

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Socially Speaking — By Gisela Weisz

While Phyllis is engaged soaking up sunshine in Puerto Rico, I'll try to bring you some of the latest happenings.

Speaking of engagement — is there a bride anywhere, who would refuse a brand new, sparkling diamond ring, even if it came after the engagement? Alice did not refuse it. As a complete surprise, Abe Max presented his beloved bride of 40 years, with this jewel, saying he meant to give an engagement ring to Alice before, but somehow, he just got around to it now. Happy 40th wedding anniversary Alice and Abe Max!

Rachel and Sig Beck played host and hostess to a young, promising, Mexican tennis player, Raul Ramirez. He was in the semi-finals here, in the National Clay Courts Tournament, at the Woodstock Country Club. He is a Davis Cup Team semi-finalist.

"These athletes prefer substantial meals," Rachel said. "We had a little problem, offering him meat at meals, but we managed." He enjoyed his stay in Indianapolis, and the Beck family enjoyed his company.

Many attractive ladies and well-dressed gentlemen gathered for a leisurely evening at the luxurious home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Simon. Present and prospective members of Hadassah, and their husbands were ushered from their automobiles to the patio, by handsome, young valets, where champagne and elegant cheese-tidbits awaited the arriving guests.

Beautiful Brenda, the hostess, in a floor-length pale blue dress, and trim Ann Frisch, membership chairman, in a red paisley patio dress, greeted the arriving couples around the illuminated swimming pool. Judy Libby told the Hadassah story to the guests. Among the many new and familiar faces were Charlene Sacks, Pat and Bob Cohen, Gloria and Marty Lave, Susy Perk, Roz and Chuck Bellingham, Tess Karsch, Loretta and Mike Hirsch, Thelma Kulwin, Fernande and Morris Frankovitz, Antoinette and Frank Menacker, Harriet and Steve Rosenberg, and Sylvia and Mike Blain.

Homemade pastries and coffee complemented the poolside chit-chat, while strolling

violinists softly serenaded everyone with familiar melodies.

They all agree that Israel is a splendid place for a vacation! Elaine Gelb has spent three weeks touring the country there this summer, and attended the University of Tel Aviv for four, studying Hebrew. Sadia Gelb, Elaine's uncle, who lives on a kibbutz, also had Elaine as a guest there for a few days.

Jonathan Hodes participated in the Ein Gedi School's Nature Protection Society's field trips, studying topography, ecology, and geology of the Negev and surrounding areas. Later he took courses at Tel Aviv University, learning the subjects: Political Science of Israel and Jewish Philosophy.

Ralph Kahn was also among the vacationers in Israel this summer, with 41 other American young people. The Zionist Youth Foundation has sponsored this young leadership mission for high school students. The group was accompanied by Israeli youngsters on some of the excursions.

In Dimona, Ralph actually lived with an Israeli family for 10 days. The group had outstanding lecturers: members of the Knesset, Palestinians, and also survivors of the Holocaust came to give speeches and answer questions. Ralph learned a great deal on this trip, he said.

Cheryl Simon had an exciting vacation too. She spent 10 beautiful days on the kibbutz, Sde Boker, picking peaches, and the rest of the seven weeks there, toured the land. There is hardly a spot in Israel, that Cheryl did not visit. "At times it was very hot," Cheryl says, "but it was great fun!"

Have you heard? We shall witness a new comet this year. One, similar to Halley's Comet will appear, called the Kohoutek Comet, during the coming winter. Happy comet-watching!

Judging by the three previous trips to Chicago, sponsored by Hebrew Academy's Ladies Auxiliary, the fourth one is bound to be a success. The trip is scheduled for Sept. 20. The bus will leave Indianapolis at 7:30 a.m., and take our shoppers to the Palmer House Hotel on the Loop. On the bus, coffee and homemade pastries will be served. Maps and information

will be presented to the women, to make their shopping spree easier. Before the 7:30 p.m. departure from the Windy City, the travelers will have a chance to sample the food in one of the famous restaurants of their choice.

The price for the trip is \$16, and all the profit will be used to buy new books and play-ground equipment for the Hebrew Academy.

Do you want to have good company, have some special purchase, and see Chicago's skyline? Please call for a reservation on the bus, Mrs. Leonard Friedman (545-9572), or Mrs. Stuart Loft (251-0332) and have a good time!

Congratulations to Ann and Ron Lieber, who just moved into their new home on Pennsylvania Street. Congratulations to Dotty and Frank Newman, who recently moved into a new condominium, in King's Cove.

Steven Grosby, the son of Audrey and Herb Grosby, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, from Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass., on June 10. His plans are to continue his education this fall. Congratulations!

Latest reducing diet from Germany: E.N.H. (Essen Nur Halb). Translated: Eat Only Half! (of each intended portion, of course!)

Goodbye to Kenny and Larry Kahn for a while. The two Kahn boys left our city for the University of New Mexico, in Albuquerque, to be in pre-med school. Good luck, fellows!

Steve Steinkeler is already in residency in the St. Vincent Hospital here, and last Sunday he and Sandy Stackhouse had a lovely wedding at Beth El Zedeck. Among the jubilating guests, in the auditorium were Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Riggs, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zimmerman, Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Hellman, from Winnipeg, Canada; Mr. and Mrs. Harold Randall, from Toronto, Canada; and Mr. and Mrs. Max Candiotti. The young couple will reside in the Knob in the Woods Apartments.

Ann Lieber and her daughter, Wendy, will celebrate birthdays over the Labor Day weekend. Ann's father, Joe Tarlowe, from New York, and sister and brother-in-law, Diana and Allan Strauss, from Milwaukee, will

fly in to celebrate the double event.

You said it will never happen? It did. In one of the Hadassah magazines this year a contest was advertised — a free trip to Israel. "Please, do send in your name and address, and the coffee company will send you to Israel, free." Elaine Fox took a chance, and now she and hubby Stuart are happily flying to Europe and Israel, thanks to that silly coupon and the coffee company!

Ronald Klain, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Klain, celebrated his 12th birthday with a huge birthday cake, shared with fellow-campers, at Kimberlane Camp, Woodruff, Wisc. Congratulations!

It was a unique, cheerful-tearful family reunion in Tenri, Japan. This is the place where Jim Abrams attends a university, and where Gloria and Stanley Abrams flew this summer to meet son Jim. Their other son, Bob, met them in Tenri also. Bob just finished a two-year stint in Nepal, in the Peace Corps. It was the first time in four years that the members of the Abrams family were united! Bob is expected home in September.

David Goldstein interrupted his summer theater work in Cape Cod, Mass., to attend his brother's wedding. On Aug. 19, in Bloomington, Richard I. Goldstein, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldstein married Rena Crispin, from Park Forest, Ill. The simple wedding

ceremony was held under the sky, on a sunny Sunday afternoon amidst wild flowers.

Richard's sister, Barbara, who also recently married, and her husband, Steve Bonchek also attended the garden wedding. Both young couples will live in the Bloomington area.

Just returned from a memorable trip to Israel: Eleanor and Roland Rhodes, Mrs. Ruth Rosenstein, Carol Epstein, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lande.

Back from Niagara Falls: a one-day vacation with Voyager, are: Martha Heyman, Mary Bell, and Ann and Ron Lieber. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Seif just came back from the mountain resort, Banner Elk, N.C.

Beverly and Sam Glazier recently returned from a trip to San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Meyer were in Lubbock, Tex., where they visited their son and daughter-in-law.

Do You Remember? — Do you remember when you had to open the window to cool the house? . . . When was the last time that you bought a bottle of ink? . . . When did you actually walk to the market last? . . . When the music from your phonograph came through one speaker only? . . . When you had to wind your alarm-clock by hand? . . . When you had to ask the operator for each long distance call?

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Beth-El Sisterhood will hold its opening luncheon at 12:30 on Sept. 10, at the Beth-El Auditorium, 600 W. 70th St. Reservations should be made for the \$2.25 luncheon by Sept. 7 to the following: Mrs. Jay Brodey 253-4861, Mrs. Milton Bluestein 251-6069, Mrs. Goldie Propper 257-8086.

The opening prayer will be given by Mrs. Ronald Maurer. Rabbi Sidney Steiman's topic, "What Jewish Women Always Wanted to Know About Sex but were Afraid to Ask," should prove to be an interesting afternoon. The closing prayer will be given by Mrs. Edward Teril. A babysitter will be available.

Hadassah Chapter

(Continued from First Page)
for 1967-68 of a "Helping Hands" community service award made by the State Auxiliary of the Kentucky Medical Association. Her husband, Dr. Franklin B. Moosnick, is a specialist in internal medicine.

Mrs. Moosnick was president of the Lexington chapter of Hadassah from 1964 to 1966 and has been president of the Central States Region of Hadassah.

She will speak on professional in Hadassah service programs.

Also at the opening meeting 16 male members of Hadassah Associates will be honored.

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On Sunday, Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. there will be an orientation and organization for Chess activities. Open to the public. Fees to be announced.

Diane Bercovitz will instruct beginner and continuing Yoga classes with 12 one-hour sessions in each Series. Starting time call 251-9467.

Miss Jaring Weds Marvin Nickbarg

Miss Roslyn Jaring of Los Angeles became the bride of Marvin Nickbarg, formerly of Indianapolis, in ceremonies Aug. 19. Nickbarg is the son of Mrs. Bernard Nickbarg.

Vinson Memorial

A monument to the memory of Max Vinson will be unveiled on Sunday, Sept. 9, at 1 p.m. at Indianapolis Hebrew Cemetery North.

Rabbi Murray Saltzman will officiate. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Tuesday, Sept. 11 a continuing Yoga will be offered at 9:15 a.m. and a beginner Yoga at 10:30 a.m. In the evening, continuing Yoga class will be offered at 7 p.m. and a beginner Yoga at 8:15 p.m. The same classes and time schedules will be offered on Wednesday starting Sept. 12. Second choice should be indicated when registering.

Other Adult classes that are being offered are Interior Design, Needlecraft, Guitar, Belly Dancing, Craft Boutique, Art and many others. Minimum number required for all classes. Advanced paid registration is necessary. For further information call 251-9467.

Youths Named To Conduct Service

Lenny Sacks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol Sacks, will conduct the Shacharis service on Saturday, Sept. 1 at Congregation B'nai Torah.

Jeffrey Sakowitz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Sakowitz, will conduct the Shacharis service on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Congregation B'nai Torah. Jeffrey will recite the Maftir and Haftarah in honor of the anniversary of his bar mitzvah.

Jr. Congregation To Start Sept. 8

Regular sessions of the B'nai Torah Junior Congregation will commence Saturday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Sperling Memorial Chapel. All youngsters are invited to participate.



Preparing for the State of Israel Bonds fashion show Sept. 19 are (left to right) Mrs. David Regenstrief, Mrs. Bertha Litvak, Mrs. Sigmund Brenner, Mrs. Robert T. Goldberg, Mrs. Abe M. Kulwin, Mrs. Mark Hasten, Mrs. Shoolem Ettinger and Mrs. Harold Goldberg.

Center To Show Levy Art Works

The Jewish Community Center will open its annual fall-winter season of art exhibits with a special auction exhibit of oils newly completed by Stanley Levy on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 2-5 p.m. at the Center, 6701 Hoover Road.

Levy, recognized previously for his graphic pen and ink depictions of life in Israel, will be making his debut in oils at this show.

Israel refreshments will be served at the showing, to further accent the atmosphere generated by Mr. Levy's paintings of the land and the people. Those attending the opening will also have an opportunity to bid

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